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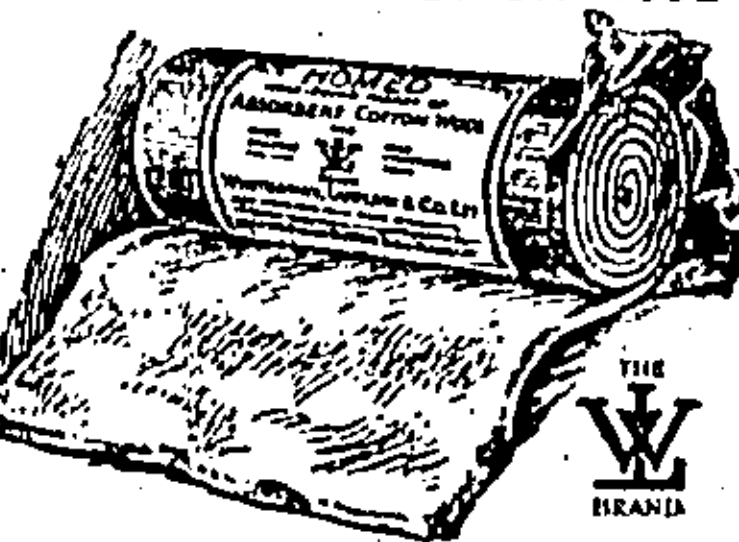
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THREAT TO HANKOW. CHINESE POPULACE SEEKING SAFETY.

CROWDING INTO CONCESSIONS.

ANTI-RED TROOPS NEARING WUCHOW

HOME TRUTHS FOR MR. CHEN

LEGATION OFFICIAL'S PARTING WORDS.

With the approach of hostile troops, the panic in Hankow is steadily increasing. The Chinese civil populace is crowding into the foreign areas in growing numbers. A clash between the Anti-Reds and the Reds at Hankow is expected. Troops siding with General Chiang Kai-shek are advancing on Wuchow, and are now only twenty miles from the city.

Before leaving Hankow, the British Minister's representative, who has been recalled as a gesture of the British Government's disapproval of the Hankow regime, addressed a letter to Mr. Eugene Chen in which, referring to the Hankow regime's broken promises, he said the British Government had been forced to the conclusion that keeping a representative at Hankow is "both useless and undesirable."

RUSH TO SAFETY.

Chinese Crowd Into The Concessions.

Hankow, May 18. The Chinese civil populace, which has been getting more and more apprehensive on the approach of hostile troops, is crowding into the Concession and foreign districts, bringing personal effects and all valuables. Troops under Sha Tao-yin, who turned from the North to the South and on the split between the sections sided with Chiang Kai-shek, are reported to be about 20 miles from Wuchang and advancing on the city.

Coming Clash. Anti-Red troops are concentrating on the race course at Hankow and a clash between the sections is imminent. — British Naval Wireless.

Luphow Victory? Wuhu, May 18. Confirmation has yet to be received of the report which has reached here that the Northerners have gained a victory at Luphow.

The town remains quiet. — British Naval Wireless.

Shelling of Forts. Nanking, May 18. The movement of troops across the river to the left bank, above Nanking continues.

It is reliably reported that the Northerners have withdrawn to fifteen miles from Pukow and from this position they have been shelling the Southern forts at Lion Hill and Tiger Hill.

Southerners were observed advancing over the hill behind Pukow yesterday. — British Naval Wireless.

Japanese Vessel Hit. Chinkiang, May 18. Gunfire across the river between the opposing sections continued yesterday and throughout the night.

A Japanese steamer was apparently hit as she was getting under way, and in reply shelled the Northern Bank from which the firing on the ship had been directed. — British Naval Wireless.

BROKEN PROMISES.

Hankow Quite Unable to Govern.

Shanghai, May 19. Mr. Basil Newton, the British Minister's representative at Hankow who has been recalled as a gesture of the British Government's disapproval of the Hankow regime, addressed a vaudeville letter to Mr. Eugene Chen in which he reviews the British Government's continued endeavours to meet the aspirations Mr. Chen claimed to voice, hoping for a response in a spirit of sincerity and statesmanship.

The Minister had had frank and friendly discussions with Mr. Chen and had maintained contact by his personal representative, yet within a month of the Minister's departure from Hankow the

Concession had been overrun and the Southern troops admitted to restore order had remained in unjustified possession. Climax at Nanking. Nevertheless to give further evidence of a desire to put relations with the Chinese people on a satisfactory footing, the British Government had made an agreement surrendering the safe-guarding of its nationals and placing the ultimate responsibility for the proper administration of the Concession in the hands of the Southern authorities, but in spite of this continuous proof of goodwill, conditions for British subjects in the areas controlled from Hankow had necessitated evacuation from all ports westward of Hankow. The climax was the murderous outrages at Hankow on March 24.

"Useless and Undesirable." "Of the conditions at Hankow it is hardly necessary to speak. Trade has come to a standstill while the evacuations are evidence of a feeling of insecurity."

The letter concludes that while there is no change in British policy towards the legitimate aspirations of the Chinese people, it is clear that those for whom Mr. Chen spoke have failed to make good their claim to govern in accordance with the standards of responsible modern government.

Therefore the British Government is "forced to the conclusion that the retention of the Minister's representative at the seat of a regime so totally incapable of discharging the responsibilities of civilised government is both useless and undesirable." He is therefore leaving forthwith. — Reuter.

EARLIER MESSAGES.

Two Forces Closing Upon Hankow.

Hankow, May 17. The local situation has grown more tense as a result of the news that incoming troops are marching on the city from various directions. All Chinese who have enough money to clear out are going down the river in every available boat. It is reported that Yang Sen, moving down the Yangtze, has now joined up with Wu Pei-fu elements on the Han River and that the combined force is within sixty miles of the city. Serious trouble is also threatening in southern Hupeh, where a body of Hankow troops has gone over to Chiang Kai-shek and is now marching up the Canton-Hankow railway towards Hankow.

It is reported that they are now only twenty-five miles from the city and that they have torn up part of the railway line.

To-day, a train from Wuchang which was on its way to Changsha was turned back. The officials here seem to realise that a crisis is pending, despite the fact that Mr. Eugene Chen has stated that the aforementioned reports are false, adding that "unauthorised

MANIAC'S CRIME.

Thirty-five Children Killed.

EXPLOSION AT A SCHOOL.

Bath, Michigan, May 18. At least thirty-five children were killed when the north wing of a four-story school building was completely destroyed by an explosion of dynamite. The school principal, one teacher and two passersby were also killed. Shortly prior to the explosion at the school a farm house and barn belonging to the school treasurer,

OUR \$50 PRIZE.

Cross-Word Puzzle Competition Result.

The result of the "China Mail's" second \$50 Cross-Word Puzzle (Second Series) will be found on page 6 of this issue. One competitor carries off the prize with only two errors.

Andrew Kehoe, were blown up and burned. Kehoe's body was found in front of the school building.

The police discovered in a cellar of the school a huge quantity of dynamite. Local officials and police hold the opinion that Kehoe, who was believed to have been in financial difficulties, was mentally unbalanced and caused the explosion by firing with a rifle into a box of explosives. — Reuter's American Service.

MISSING AIRMEN.

Mysterious Message In Bottle.

AN ENGLISH COAST FIND.

London, May 18. Lloyd's agent at the Lizard reports that a mysterious message in a bottle purporting to be signed by the missing aviator, Captain Nungesser, has been picked up at Portsmouth near Plymouth. The message says: "Landed 75 miles latitude off Ireland, engine trouble." — Reuter.

Captain Nungesser started from Le Bourget, to fly to New York, accompanied by Captain Coll, in a huge aeroplane, named the "White Bird," painted white to facilitate being spotted in the event of forced descent into the sea, with a black heart near the cockpit on which a skull and cross-bones and a coffin are daubed white, "to show I am not afraid," as Captain Nungesser explained. The plane soared out of sight and has not been seen since. A New York cable dated May 9 stated that Captain Nungesser "passed over Portland, Maine, flying to New York at a hundred miles an hour," but this was not confirmed.

The machine seen on this occasion, it is thought, might have been a coastguard plane en route to Gloucester, Massachusetts. The authorities of the Nautical Observatory, St. John's Newfoundland, hold the opinion that Captain Nungesser may have descended among the fishing fleet on the Grand Banks and as none of the fishing vessels carrying wireless, possibly no news may be received for two or three weeks.

troop movements near the Hunan-Hupeh border are under investigation. — Reuter.

Destroyer Fired on.

Shanghai, May 18. The Japanese destroyer "Momo," with the Japanese Foreign Office Mission on board to investigate conditions on the Yangtze was fired on by Northerners while anchored at Chinkiang last night. The destroyer was on her way to Hankow. She replied with her main armament, taking up her anchor to avoid the fire, which continued for two hours. A warrant officer who was on the bridge was wounded. — Reuter.

Hit and Run.

Shanghai, May 18. In the course of two hours' firing the cruisers scored three direct hits, doing considerable damage. The forts constantly replied but failed to hit the cruisers which subsequently steamed away northwards. — Reuter.

Representative Leaves.

Hankow, May 18. Mr. Basil Newton, who replaced Mr. Eric Teichman as H.M. Minister's representative at Hankow, left here to-day. — Reuter.

MR. C. C. WU.

Nanking Foreign Minister's Statement.

ATTITUDE TOWARDS POWERS.

Nanking, May 17. Mr. C. C. Wu, the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Nationalist Government at Nanking, to-day issued the following statement in regard to the policy of the Nanking Government: —

"With the removal on April 18 of the seat of the Nationalist Government to the historic capital of China, Nanking, another stage has been reached in the Chinese Nationalist movement. The opposition forces, Progress and Reaction, which came to grips in 1911, have continued their struggle up to the present time, but there can be no doubt as to the ultimate triumph of the cause of Progress which has been consistently championed by the Kuomintang.

The principles of the Kuomintang have moulded the thought of new China, and the Government founded on these principles has in the short space of two years extended its jurisdiction from Canton to more than half of China including the richest, most populous, and most progressive cities and provinces. The rest of China will in the near future also be delivered from militarism and misgovernment.

The presence in the party of Communist influences at variance with the precepts of the Kuomintang has during the past few weeks brought about an internal schism to an open split. Nevertheless, as these influences are small, there is every confidence that they will very shortly be completely eliminated and that solidarity will be re-established in the ranks of the followers of Dr. Sun Yat-sen.

Foreign Policy.

The installation of the Nationalist Government at Nanking affords an opportunity to make a public statement of its foreign policy. The Government, guided by the teachings of Dr. Sun, considers it its paramount duty, in accordance with the will of the entire Chinese people, to emancipate China from her state of international bondage and to secure for her an equal status in the family of nations, a status to which her civilization, resources, and population entitle her.

China is fettered on every hand by treaties and conventions modelled after those imposed upon her nearly a hundred years ago. There are few agreements between nations, even when concluded on terms of equality, which have survived after the lapse of a century; it is reasonable to insist upon China's observance of antiquated and unequal treaties when the political, social, and economic conditions of the country, affecting both Chinese and foreigners, have undergone fundamental changes?

These treaties have on the one hand seriously impeded the development of the nation; on the other hand they have failed to accomplish the supposed object of protecting foreign interests and promoting foreign trade. Foreign interests are best protected and foreign trade best promoted by mutual goodwill and genuine good-will, and genuine good-will cannot exist so long as anachronistic and humiliating treaties are enforced. In the common interest of Chinese and foreigners alike, a fundamental readjustment of the existing treaty relations is imperative.

Abrogating of Treaties.

The Nationalist Government addresses itself to the task of the abrogation of the unequal treaties, and will employ for that purpose all legitimate means. It has taken note of the statements emanating from authorised spokesmen of the foreign governments as to the inapplicability of the existing treaties and their readiness to meet the wishes of the Chinese people.

With every confidence in the good intentions of the foreign governments, this government earnestly hopes that negotiations with a view to the conclusion of new treaties will immediately be opened. Technicalities should be discarded in order to achieve, in the shortest possible period, the aim of restoring harmonious relations between China and the foreign nations.

Meanwhile, the Nationalist Government will do all in its power to protect foreign life and property according to the generally accepted rules of international law. The resentment of the Chinese to the foreigner is not to him individually but to the system under which he lives. The Chinese object, not to the presence of the foreigner, but to his position of privilege. They consider that the foreigner should be placed on a footing of equality with the people among whom he has voluntarily chosen to live and trade.

Privileges of Foreigners.

In the forthcoming negotiations

PIRACY GRILLES.

Finally Debarred From Evidence.

COLLISION INQUIRY.

At the outset of the continued Marine Inquiry this morning into the collision between the s.s. "Leung Kwong" and the s.s. "Moonshine," the President (J. B. Nevill, D.S.O., R.N.), announced that the Court was dealing with the circumstances of the collision in respect of the British ship "Moonshine" only. The scope of the Court was limited but all relevant facts would be considered.

Any action which might arise from the finding of the Court, continued the President in reply to Mr. Sheldon (for the owners of the "Leung Kwong"), was independent. The question of loss of life by negligence did not come within the scope of the court.

Mr. G. K. Hall Bruton (holding a watching brief for the China Coast Officers' Guild) said that if the "Leung Kwong" was absolved from blame, the question of loss of life could not be considered but if the ship was found responsible then the question would certainly arise. Evidence up to the present had been only bearing on the collision, without reference to loss of life. The question of a master's ticket was involved and the loss of life would therefore have to be considered in that event.

A Further Court?

The President of the Court said that its jurisdiction did not extend to the consideration of competency of the master of the "Leung Kwong." This, if thought necessary, would be subject of a further Court, called to deal with the actions of a British master of a foreign ship.

Evidence was then again opened and the first witness called was Tam Ku, Quartermaster of the "Leung Kwong" who stated that he was in the wheel house on the evening of the collision. The ship passed the white Capsicum light by about 1 1/2 ships length, the "Moonshine" being first sighted when the white light was abeam in a position close to the red Capsicum light on the North Bank. The "Moonshine's" green light was to the left of the red light on the shore and was later seen to the right of the red light.

After the white light was passed, witness heard his own ship sound two blasts in answer, he thought, to the "Moonshine's" signal. The "Leung Kwong's" course was then altered a little towards the South bank and two blasts were again sounded. On this occasion, the "Moonshine" replied with two blasts and the course was again altered towards the South Bank. The red light of the "Moonshine" was seen only a short time before the collision.

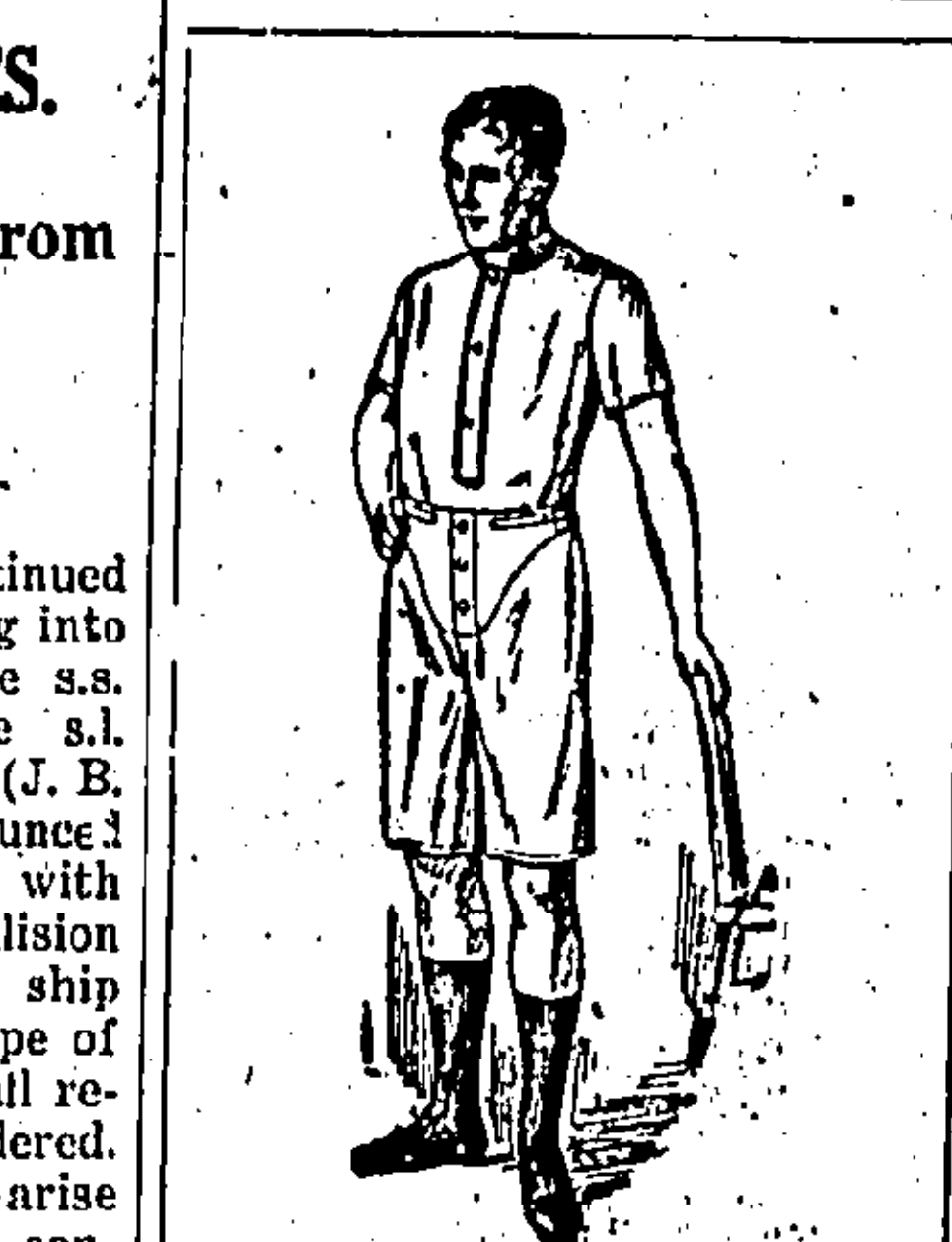
Cross-examined by Mr. Bennett (who appeared in lieu of Mr. F. C. Jenkin), for the owners of the "Moonshine," witness said that he had been a coxswain for two years and had been with the "Leung Kwong" for two months. He was not steering by the compass on the night in question but received all orders in regard to alteration of course from the pilot.

The next witness, Lam Po, keeper of the Capsicum light, could throw little light on the positions of the ship. He remembered the "Leung Kwong" having passed but could not give her position at or before the time of the accident. The "Moonshine" was obstructed from his view.

No Passenger Record.

Li Yat-po, the assistant commander, was called and stated that he could not give the full

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of receiving the Report of the
Directors and the Statements of
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and of declaring Dividends, etc.

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Society will be CLOSED from May
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By Order of the Board,
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of receiving the Report of the Directors
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MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS
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at Noon, for the purpose
of receiving the Report of the
General Managers, together with a
Statement of Accounts to the 31st
of December, 1926.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the
Company will be CLOSED from the
17th to 21st of May, both days
inclusive.

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & CO.,
General Managers,
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THE FORTY-NINTH ORDINARY
ANNUAL MEETING of the
Shareholders of the above Company
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General Agents, Pedder Street, on
TUESDAY, 7th June, 1927, at
Noon, for the purpose of receiving
the Report and Statement of Accounts
for the year ending 31st December, 1926.

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of the imminent approach of
death (writes Charles Pilley in
the "Sunday Chronicle").

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provokes a larger inquiry—as to how far men and
women fear death, whether such
fears are reasonable, and how
they may be overcome.

It is important to distinguish
between sentiments and emotions
which, though often confused, are
essentially different, as, for
example, between the fear of
dying and the fear of being dead.

That both these states of mind
commonly exist is a matter of
everyday experience. The former
is a physical shrinking, the latter
a sentimental aversion, mixed
with a nameless dread of the
unknown, but both can be appallingly
vivid and real.

Barbarous Beliefs.
As regards the fear of "dead-
ness," as distinct from the fear
of dying, much, of course, depends
upon a person's religious
outlook. If a man sees death as
the equivalent of annihilation, the
entire annulment of personality,
the total cessation of being, it is
not easy to see why he should be
afraid of it.

It is a different matter if a
barbarous theology has peopled
the Great Beyond with shapes of
torment and terror.

If a man is afraid of death because
he is afraid of God and of
judgment, of torture piled on
torture as a punishment for
"sin," I cannot help him. I can
only pity his condition and
exhorted the foul travesty of religion
which has planted such
monstrous, unbelievable phantoms
in his mind.

But there is a shrinking from
death which is not fear but rather
a jealous clinging to life, the
deep, instinctive protest of the
human spirit against extinction.
It is strongest when life is best,
in the vigorous prime of manhood
and womanhood.

Merciful Oblivion.
Which of us in moments of reflection,
at times of illness or depression,
has not known the accents of some
inward voice, which seems to say:

"A few short years and it will
all be over. Your proud achievements,
your hard-won successes, joys,
thrills, loves, friendships will be
dust and ashes, the mere debris
of a vanished dream. Your doom
is written. You shall surely die!"

Fantastic Untruth.
Such shadow-haunted misgivings
are natural enough, but they imply
a deceptive confusion of thought.
Believers in a future life are
armed against the shafts of
pessimism. For others there
are the consolations of common sense.

Death matters nothing to the
dead. To suffer one must survive.
If you have no hope of a life
beyond the grave, then reflect
that the kindness of death is its
completeness, its utter merciful
oblivion of thought and feeling of
loss, frustration, disappointment,
of every twinge or pang of body,
heart, and mind.

Use the kernel of truth that
there is in Christian Science.
Banish death from your mind,
and for you it will cease to exist.
It is only while you are living,
and master of your thoughts,
that it has power to hurt and
frighten. When it arrives you
will depart. At the moment the
arch-enemy comes within striking
distance you will escape for
ever from his reach. Live as
though death were abolished,
and abolished for you it will be.

The Eternal Silence.

The fear of dying is another
matter, and here we are much
misled, and as I believe, need-
lessly alarmed by current
phraseology. We speak of the
"agony" of death, and it seems
to be assumed, in the face of all
medical evidence, that the act
of dying is an orgasm of
conscious suffering, an event to
be dreaded for its sheer physical
and mental horror.

I believe this conception of the
act of dying to be a fantastic
untruth. I have purposely
made inquiries of doctors and
nurses, whose repeated duty it
has been to attend upon the
dying, and without exception
they have told me that the agony
of death in the literal sense is
unknown in their experience.

Modern medicine is a merciful
art. Incurable patients are
not allowed to suffer needless
pain; moreover, Nature, the
sovereign alchemist, produces
its own anæsthesia, the weakening
of the body being accom-
panied by a merciful deadening
of thought and sensation, the

mind being far too numbed
and paralysed to form a concept
of dying as a conscious act.

In the great majority of cases
the mind, so to speak, is dead
before the body. In any case
death is an instantaneous occurrence:
a breath, a sigh, and the
eternal silence has begun.

My own experience is that the
fear of death tends to diminish
as life advances. It was far
stronger with me in my twenties
than it is to-day partly, perhaps,
because I have had it out with
myself, convinced myself by
sheer practical reasoning that
there is nothing to fear.

In a general way very old
people have no fear of death.
They know that at any moment
the call may come, but the prospect
has no terrors for them.
The conclusion is irresistible
that Nature prepares the way
for the supreme ordeal, accustoming
her human creatures to the
inevitable climax of earthly
experience.

Deliverance or a Cipher?
It will be understood that in
all I have said I rule out no
theory of a future life. Even
the most sceptical of us may
"faintly trust the larger hope,"
and reflect, with Peter Pan, that
death will be "an awfully big
adventure."

At the best death is the grand
deliverance, the great awaken-
ing, the opening gate of glory.
At the worst it is a cipher.

Men of our breed faced it
without flinching a few years
ago in the great enterprise of
war, went out to meet it in the
heat of youth, in the plenitude
of life's strength and joy.
Their shining memory should
shame our fears.

STILL MORE HOUSES.

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assurance when he introduced this
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raised 1½d. to 3s. 11d. The out-
put of houses last year had ex-
ceeded all records, excepting 1922,
and £1,000,000 more was spent than
in 1925.

The coming year, he predicted,
would see the record easily broken.
Concerning the tramways, it was
expected there would be a deficit
of £222,000. Last year's trading
resulted in a loss of £302,000.

"It is not easy for a girl to get
a husband."

"Nonsense! A pretty girl can
make her choice of four out of
every five men she meets."

"But it's the fifth she generally
wants."

"Where is the manager's office?"
"Follow the passage until you
come to the sign reading 'No Ad-
mittance.' Go upstairs till you see
the sign 'Keep Out.' Follow the
corridor till you see the sign
'Silence,' then ring the bell."



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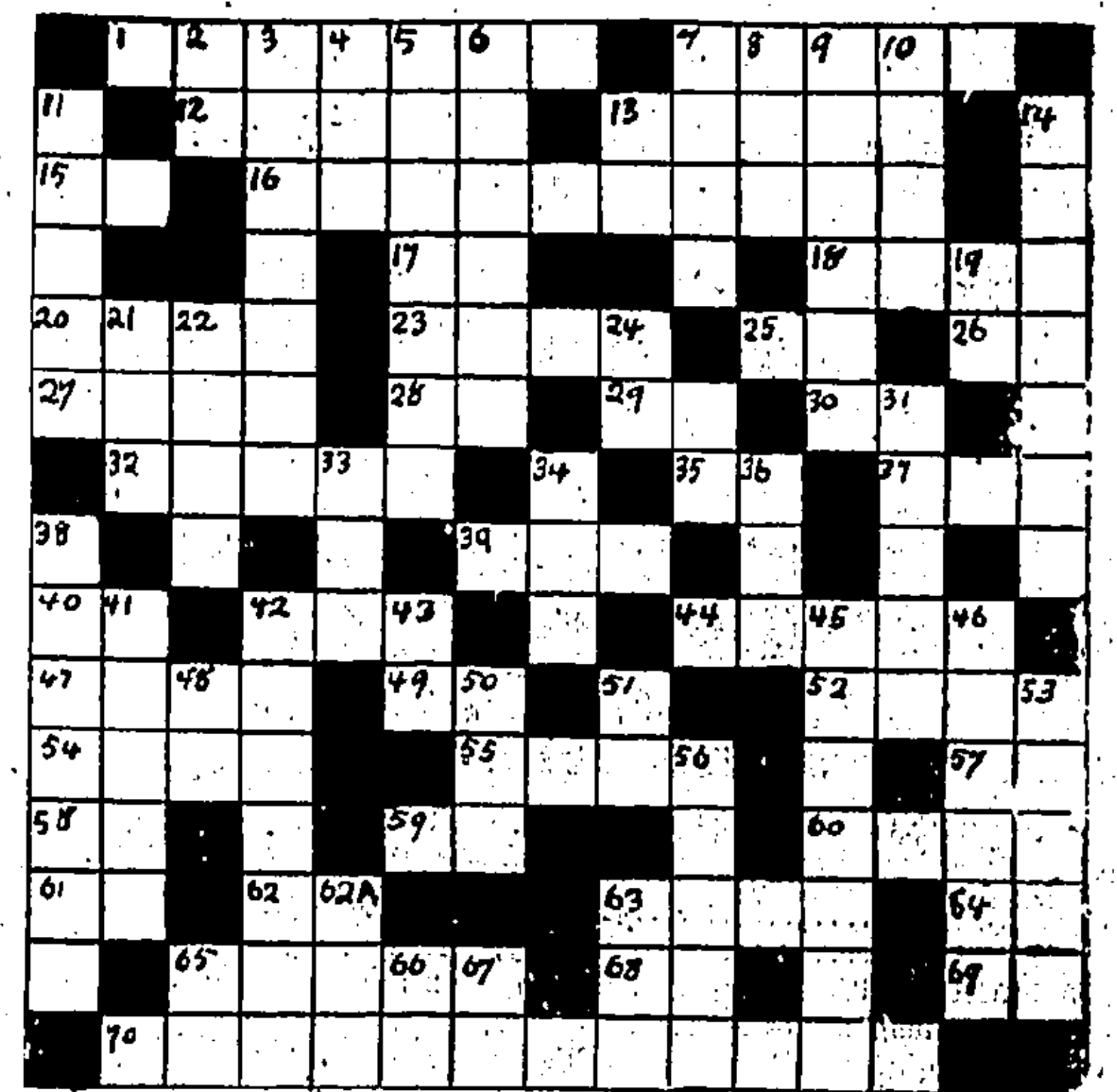
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Across.

- Manifests.
- Consequential.
- Fierce.
- To cause to rise.
- A prefix meaning iteration.
- Vanishing.
- A prefix signifying in conjunction.
- Largest great division of the globe.
- Imitated servilely.
- A protuberance.
- Denotes presence.
- T. R. (actual).
- A rude, rustic, rough man.
- E. S. (actual).
- A. A. (actual).
- E. O. (actual).
- To bend.
- Out of the common path.
- A masple.
- Doomed.
- L. S. (actual).
- Japanese lady's sash.
- Uncommon.
- A sharp loud outcry.
- Father.
- A hostile incursion.
- Vigorous.
- Yellow part of an egg.
- Moderation.
- Towards.
- Myself.
- Honey (French).
- E. Y. (actual).
- Same as 40 across.
- A water game.
- R. I. (actual).
- An article of food.
- E. U. (actual).
- London district (abbreviated).
- A walking about.
- T. B. (actual).
- Part of machine moved by the foot.
- E. E. V. (actual).
- Classed with violence.
- Fits for insertion into a mortice?
- The grampus.
- A wave.
- Natural.
- Captures by wile.
- To make a harsh grating sound.
- C. S. (actual).
- Knotted.
- Impersonal neuter pronoun.
- A fit of peevishness.
- Strays from the right path.
- Same as 40 across.
- Musical drama.
- A point.
- To rise 'in' blisters, breaking in white froth.
- A hiccup.
- An infection.
- An oriental soldier disciplined in the European manner.
- A town in ancient Greece.
- The rapid reiteration of tones without any apparent cessation.
- To concur.
- L. R. (actual).
- Yes.
- Hebrew Deity.
- Pertaining to the god of the winds in ancient mythology.
- A kind of scourge used in Russia.
- A liquid measure in use among the Dutch.
- Same as 40 across.
- V. B. (actual).
- North Britain (abbreviated).
- D. U. (actual).

[Clue No. 61 Across should read E. Y. (actual) instead of E. V. (actual).]

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LLOYD'S RETURNS.

TOO MANY SHIPS BEING
BUILT.

BAD OUTLOOK FOR FREIGHTS.

Presiding at the sixth annual meeting of the United British Steamship Co., Ltd., Sir Laurence Phillips, Bart. (chairman), drew attention to the returns of Lloyd's Register, which, he said, showed that too many ships were being built. The outlook for an improvement in freights was bad. He said the company had again had a fairly successful year. The net profit for 1926 was £40,540, against £21,439 in the previous year. The profits on voyages and dividends on investments stood at £42,508, a sum made up of £34,052 on profits on voyages and £8,456 for dividends on investments (less interest). Steamers and investments stood at £546,073, which was made up of:—Cost of steamers, £366,343; and investments, £222,004; with depreciation at £42,274.

During the year the company issued two hundred thousand ordinary shares at par, which were over-subscribed. That new money enabled them to carry on their policy and they had bought some new vessels very cheaply. At the beginning of last year the fleet was five ships, averaging 4½ years in age. In October they purchased some British-built ships from Italy at £4 a ton. In December, 1926, they contracted for a new ship, the "Kensington Court," which had just been launched, and would soon be delivered. The value of that ship was about £12,000 more now than when it was contracted for. Since the end of the year they had bought two further ships from Messrs. Charles Radcliffe. The fleet was now, in excellent condition at an average age of 4½ years, and cost only £6 10s. per ton deadweight.

Looking into the future, freights were distinctly better than a few years ago. The future of shipping depended on there being more trade in the world for ships to carry and on there not being too many ships built. Lloyd's Register returns which have just been issued were not very encouraging reading in that respect.

In the whole world the tonnage under construction was over 2½ million tons to-day. Whereas in 1913, a record year, it was under 3½ million tons. That meant there was an awful lot of new tonnage contracted for, and it might keep freights down even longer. They could only hope people would not go on contracting for new ships wholesale. The policy of his company was to buy second-hand tonnage as much as possible, and not to depress the home market by ordering new vessels.

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THE CUNARD JUBILEE.

Sir Thomas Royden's statements at the Cunard Company's golden jubilee meeting have provided food for interesting discussion, particularly his view that should the price of oil continue to rise, the company, in respect of a part of the fleet, would have to consider a return to coal. In the matter of passenger traffic there may be expected an important readjustment of the balance when the United States changes the quota policy for emigration into the U.S.A. from European countries in the coming year, and with general passenger traffic and emigrant traffic corresponding to the increase in freight operations shown already in the current year, the company has every reason to look forward to a successful future after doing so well during the year of trouble which has just closed upon us. That westward passenger traffic should be much less than the corresponding traffic from U.S. ports to Europe was quite expected, but with trade revival that item must show a readjustment towards the close of the present year. With 50 years to look back on, the company may well be proud of the fact that its subscribed capital has increased five-fold, that the assets are more than 20 times their original figure, and that the Cunard tonnage is now touching the million mark.

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Trade With China.
The exports to-day from Liverpool to the Far East—Burmah, Malay States, Straits Settlements, Java, Philippine Islands, China and Japan—amount to approximately 900,000 bill of lading tons a year. And of this the Malay Peninsula and Japan each take about 200,000 tons. China, 250,000 tons, and Java 75,000 tons. A long list might be made of the many articles commonly

carried, but the largest individual items are probably the products of the textile mills of Lancashire and Yorkshire and the great chemical works of Widnes and Northwich. Cotton spinning and weaving machinery is a growing article of export to such countries as China and Japan, which have hitherto bought cotton goods direct from Lancashire.

But the bulk of the cargoes carried consist of a heterogeneous collection of common articles. It must be remembered that in addition to the native populations, there are large European communities in the East to be supplied with the everyday requirements of civilized life in this country.

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Problems of Loading.

Next, the steamer's own equipment must consist of the maximum possible number of hatches, derricks, and winches, so that from the moment of arrival she can load cargo from the quay along the whole of her length.

Even this must not exhaust her capacity, and, on her outer side, she must be prepared to deal simultaneously with cargo from as many lighters or coasting steamers as can squeeze alongside of her. Last but not least, the liner needs a skilful stevedore to load her. Most people are incapable of packing even a suitcase decently. Let the reader imagine, then, the task of stowing a ship with a mixture of bales of cotton goods, railway lines, motor cars, velvet hats, old horse shoes, bottled beer, barrels of tar, chemical manure, pocket handkerchiefs, and galvanized iron each so disposed as to be found uppermost at its proper port of discharge; and he will not be surprised to meet a superintendent stevedore who looks worried.

The Return Cargoes.

Liverpool receives from the Far East considerably less than it sends there. In all it imports rather less than 500,000 tons a year, of which almost a half is from Burmah. The chief items are the various cereals, nuts, and leguminous oils, which provide the raw materials for the local manufacture of margarine, soap, and cattle-cake.

Malayan sago flour, used for the "sizing" of cotton materials, is an important feature. Hemp comes in considerable quantities for rope-making, but perhaps the most interesting are two ready-made articles of food, namely, the familiar tinned pineapple—where would fruit salads be without it?—and an excellent variety of tinned salmon. The pineapple is grown and prepared in Singapore and Liverpool imports as much as 15,000 tons in a year. The salmon comes direct from the Japanese fisheries on the coast of Kamchatka, and in September of last year one steamer discharged

no fewer than seven million tins. Liverpool's trade with the Far East has not altered greatly in recent years. For purposes both of import and export it has a hinterland to serve which is bounded and defined by what one may call an "economic watershed." Cargo flows to and returns from the seaport which is economically the "nearest" in terms of the cost of haulage. The Ocean services between Liverpool and the Far East are second to none in efficiency and despatch: the amount of cargo that arrives itself of them remains largely determined by other factors. From the Ambassador of Commerce.

WORLD GANG.

THE PILFERING OF CARGOES.

BIG THEFT'S LAST YEAR.

The alarming amount of pilfering from ships' cargoes in ports and warehouses all over the world has led officials of shipping and trade organizations to believe that a world-wide organization of receivers is at work.

So serious have the losses become that the Sydney (Australia) Chamber of Commerce has requested the Federation of Chambers of Commerce of the British Empire to investigate the problem.

The view that a gang with world-wide ramifications is involved is supported by London trade organizations and shipping companies. It is thought that this gang may also be the receivers of property from fraudulent bankrupts, a greater part of which, it is known, is sent abroad.

Thousands Lost Yearly.

The losses of insurance companies in London alone amount to hundreds of thousands of pounds every year. Although both shipping companies and traders regard a certain amount of pilfering in the Port of London amounting to tens of thousands of pounds every year—as normal, the Chamber of Shipping of the United Kingdom, in view of the complaint from Sydney, is to re-open investigations.

Mr. Leigh, secretary of the Federation of Chambers of Commerce of the British Empire, told a "Daily Mail" reporter:—

"Shortly after the war the losses from pilfering were enormous and in 1921-22 amounted to hundreds of thousands of pounds, but as the result of a vigorous campaign, during which numbers of men were sentenced to prison, the loss was reduced. Although we had hoped that our losses would remain at a level we have come to regard as normal, we are trying to trace the plague to its source. It is almost impossible to tell whether the thefts take place at British ports, in the ship, or at the destination port."

It is apparent that the

thieves have ready means of disposing of stolen articles, probably through a world-wide organization of "fences." Until we can get at the root of this organization and break it up there seems little chance of stopping the evil."

All Kinds of Cargoes.

An official of the Shipping Federation said that practically every kind of cargo was subject to pilfering on a large scale. "A few years ago pianos were actually being stolen at the docks, but this has now been stopped."

The Chamber of Shipping of

the United Kingdom committee, which investigated the subject, came to the conclusion that much pilfering took place in Australian ports.

A MEDITERRANEAN RESCUE.

A very interesting ceremony took place on the steamer "Nirvana" at Liverpool, when Captain, Shillington presented to Second Officer W. T. D. Dunn, the Royal Humane Society's diploma in recognition of a particularly gallant act in saving one of the crew of the British India steamer "Nerbudda," on which Mr. Dunn was serving as fourth officer.

The vessel was on a passage from Australian ports to London, and on the morning of December 26 was steaming at full speed through the Mediterranean when one of the crew "jumped" overboard. Mr. Dunn, who was on the bridge, after divesting himself of his coat and boots, dived into the sea and kept the man afloat until a boat was lowered.

The London Midland and Scottish

Railway, who had announced that their Heysham to Douglas steamship service would not be in operation during the coming season, have, after representations made to them by the Isle of Man authorities, reconsidered their decision, and they officially announce that the service will be run during the coming season.

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June 21	San Francisco	Homerie	July 23	C'brg-Shimpton July 29
June 28	Seattle	Lerichan	Aug. 1	P'ath-C'brg Aug. 7
July 5	San Francisco	Majestic	Aug. 6	C'brg-Shimpton Aug. 13
July 13	Seattle	Borengoria	Aug. 10	C'brg-Shimpton Aug. 16
July 19	San Francisco	Lerichan	Aug. 20	P'ath-C'brg Aug. 26
July 27	Seattle	Apollonia	Aug. 24	C'brg-Shimpton Aug. 30
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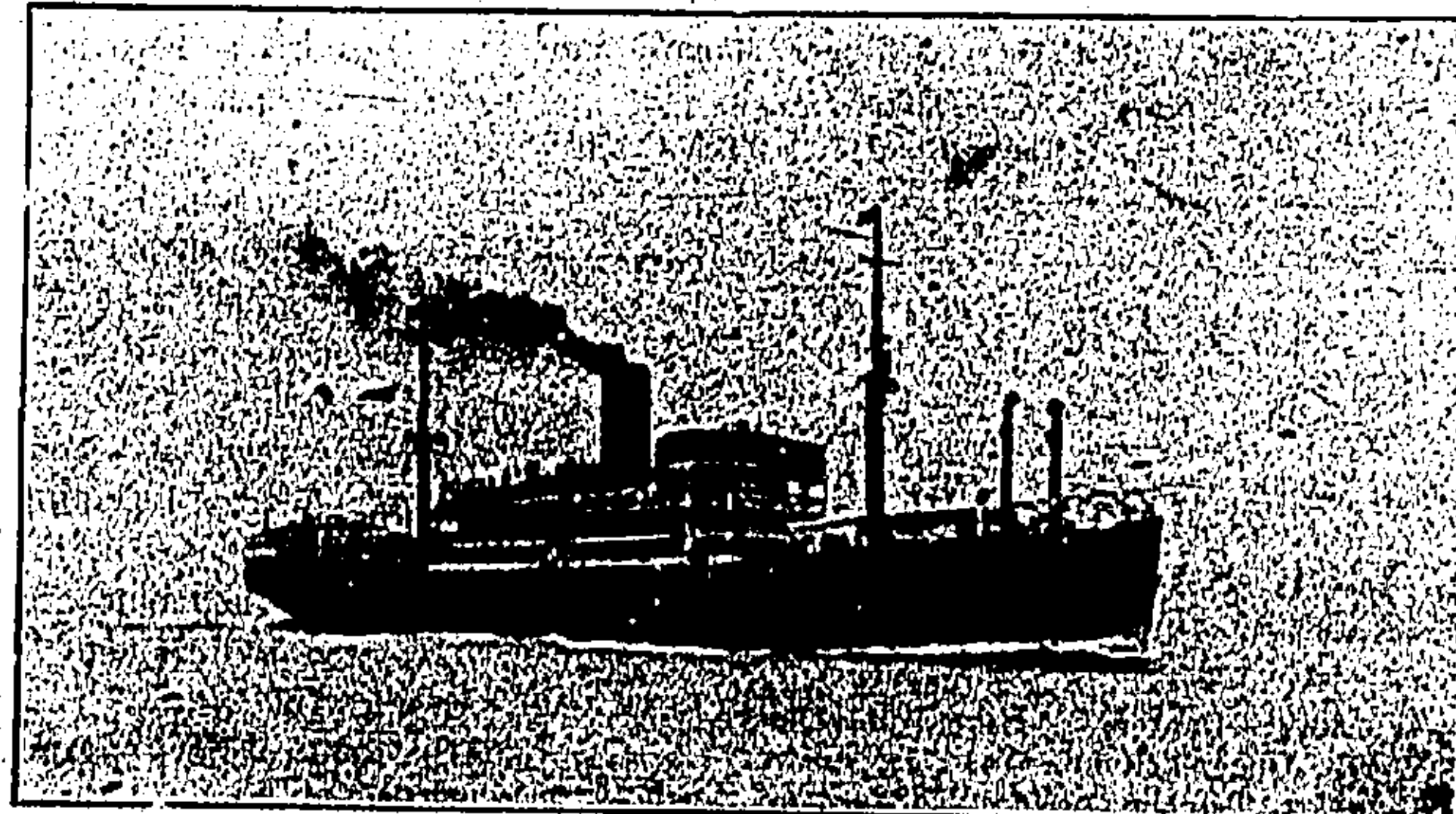
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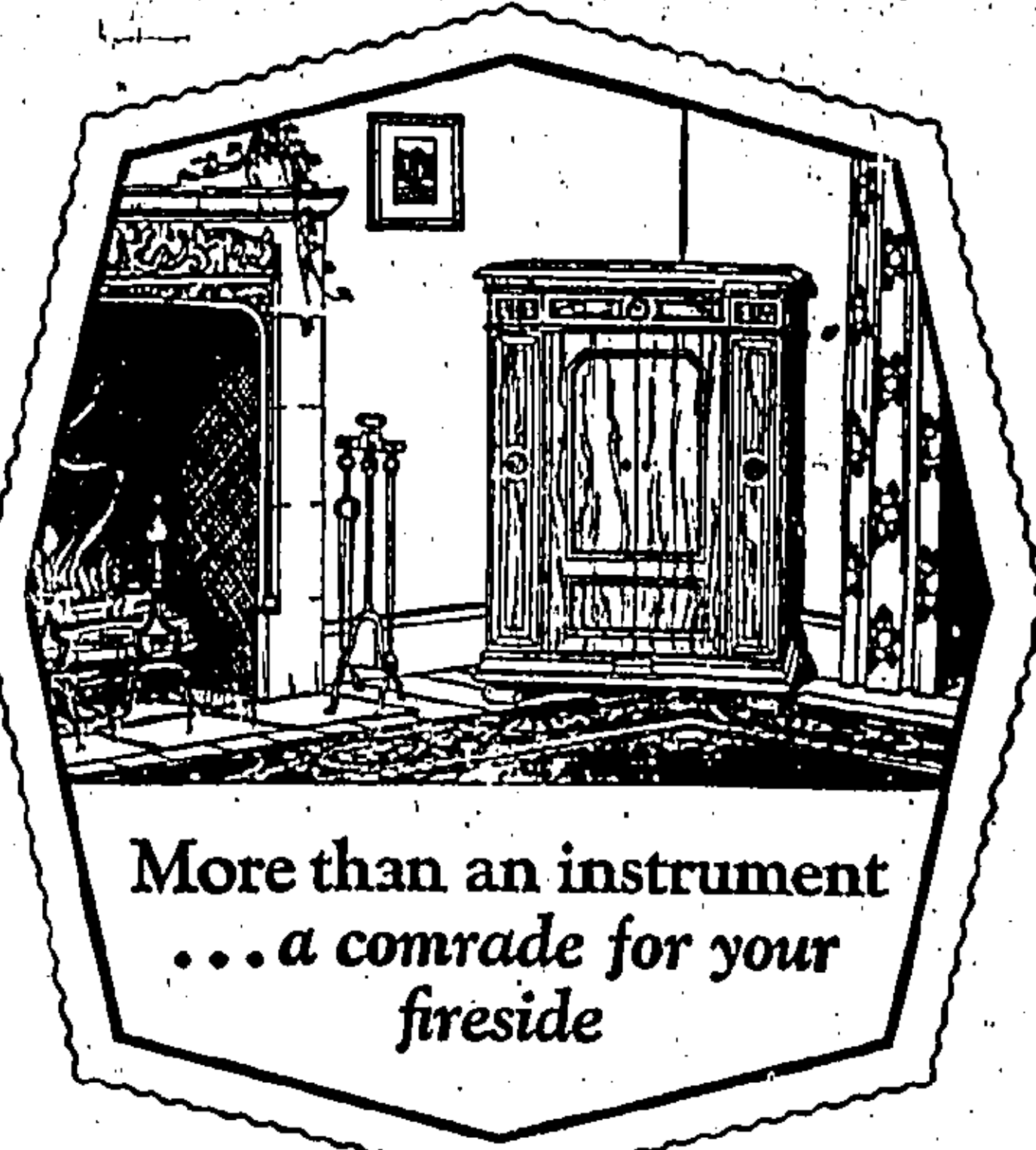
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THE TRADE UNION BILL.

Having experienced two gen-
eral strikes and numerous minor
industrial troubles, Hong Kong
will watch the progress of the
Trade Union Bill at Home with
more than casual interest. The
chief object of the Bill is to make
a general strike illegal, but there
are other important provisions.
As briefly summarised by a Home
paper these provisions are as
follows:—

Political Strikes.—A strike
having any object besides the
furtherance of a trade dispute
within the trade or industry in
which the strikers are engaged is
declared an illegal strike, if it is
designed to coerce the Govern-
ment or intimidate the com-
munity.

Penalties.—Any person taking
part in such a strike is liable to
penalties on conviction.

**Trade unionists who refuse to
take part in such a strike are pro-
tected against the trade union ex-
clusion or penalties.**

Picketing.—Picketing by one or
more persons at a house is made
an offence. Picketing near a
worker's house or his place of
work in such numbers as is cal-
culated to intimidate is declared
unlawful.

Political Levy.—Contracting in,
instead of contracting out, is pro-
posed in regard to the political
levy. In future a trade unionist
will not be obliged to pay the
political levy unless he states in
writing his willingness to con-
tribute.

The political levy is to be levied
separately from contributions to

other funds, and no assets of the
trade union are to be carried to
the political fund and directly or
indirectly applied or charged in
furtherance of any political ob-
ject.

Civil Servants.—Civil servants
are prohibited from being mem-
bers of any trade union unless the
organisation is confined to per-
sons employed under the Crown;
and is independent of any out-
side trade union or federation of
trade unions, and is not associated
directly or indirectly with any
political party.

A Civil servant knowingly
breaking this regulation is to be
disqualified from continuing to be
a member of the Civil Service.

Local Authorities.—Local
authorities are prohibited from
making membership or non-
membership of a trade union a
condition of employment.

**Persons employed by local or
public authorities are to be liable
to penalties if they break their
contracts of service under certain
circumstances.**

Injunction Powers.—Power is
given to the Attorney-General to
apply for an injunction to restrain
any application of the funds of a
trade union in contravention of
the Bill.

Some of these provisions, of
course, might not be quite suited
to Hong Kong, but there is no
doubt that others could be applied
with advantage, especially those
dealing with political strikes, for
the Colony, owing to peculiar local
circumstances, needs even greater
protection in this respect than
does the Homeland.

Iron Grilles.

It is reported that the Marine
Court of Inquiry into the collision
between the "Leung Kwong" and
the "Moonshine" has definitely
decided not to deal with the
question of the locked grilles but
to confine itself purely to the
cause of the collision. This seems
regrettable, in view of the fact
that the locked grilles had an
important bearing on the sub-
sequent loss of life and therefore
are bound up with the whole
subject of the Court's inquiry.

Indeed, the argument might be
pursued further inasmuch as the
Marine Court in this case is
equivalent to a Coroner's inquest
at which every single circum-
stance bearing on the loss of life
involved in the collision would
have been most carefully in-
vestigated and a verdict, with
possibly important recommenda-
tions, returned in accordance
with the evidence. Viewed from

this angle it does seem peculiar
that the Marine Court should
decide to rule out everything ap-
pertaining to the locked grilles.
Meanwhile the Chinese Chamber
of Commerce has received two
letters protesting against the use
of iron grilles on river steamers.
One writer suggests that the
Chamber should propose that an
Indian guard be placed at the
grille ready to open it in case
of a collision or fire. Another
writer states that, as pirates
generally secrete their arms and
ammunition in their luggage, all
luggage should be placed in
charge of the comrade and
only surrendered when the boat
arrives at its destination. To
carry out the latter suggestion it
may be presumed that the com-
pradore would have an armed
guard constantly on duty, as
otherwise it would be the easiest
thing possible for the pirates to
rush the comrade and his
quarters and secure their luggage
containing firearms. In any
event, the point is not worth con-
sidering at length until such time
as the Government disposes of
the "Sunning" Piracy Commission
report and recommendations.

WILBUR PLAYERS.

ANOTHER SUCCESS LAST
NIGHT.

"CAPPY RICKS" TO-NIGHT.

There was another very ap-
preciative house at the Star
Theatre last night when the
Wilbur Players presented that
delightful comedy "Do Foolish
Wives Play" and met with a
rousing response for their finish-
ed performance.

To-night there is a change in
the programme and "Cappy
Ricks," based on Peter Kyne's
story centring round this lovable
character, will be featured.

This will be followed on
Saturday afternoon and night
with "The Family Upstairs," a
comedy of American home life.

CRIMINAL SESSIONS.

ALLEGED MANSLAUGHTER
CASE.

PRISONER DISCHARGED.

The discovery on the hillside
near the village of Tai-po Tin
Kok, near Tai-po, of the decom-
posed body of a dead Chinese
identified as Li Loy led to the
appearance at the Criminal
Sessions yesterday of a man
named Li Yau, who was charged
with manslaughter.

The prisoner admitted having
struck the deceased with a ham-
mer two days before the dis-
covery of the body, the alleged
circumstances being that pri-
soner returned to his house after
a Chinese festival and found that
the deceased had taken advantage
of his wife.

Prisoner, however, maintained
that the blow he delivered could
not have led to death as the de-
ceased ran out of the house and
was seen walking along the road
alive and well on the day follow-
ing the night of this assault.

Prisoner admitted having
buried the body on hearing of his
discovery, but maintained that his
assault could not have been the
cause of death as the deceased
had fallen down a ditch 20 feet
deep.

On evidence having been called
that the deceased was seen ap-
parently in good health the day
following the alleged assault, also
by the wife of prisoner as to the
deceased's alleged conduct, the
jury returned a verdict of "not
guilty" after five minutes' retire-
ment, and the accused was dis-
charged.

Other Cases.
The prisoner who was charged
with breaking into a godown at
On Lan Street was found guilty
yesterday afternoon and sen-
tenced to three years hard labour.

The woman charged with offer-
ing a bribe to Sub-Inspector
Chevalier was also found guilty
at the afternoon proceedings and
sentenced to four months hard
labour.

Five years hard labour was
imposed on a Chinese convicted
of having been one of four men
who robbed the flat of a carpenter
at 8 Yuen Ming Street and used
threats of violence on the women
inmates.

HOSPITAL COMFORTS.

The Committee acknowledges,
with very many thanks, receipt
from the Y.M.C.A. of 100 books,
specially rebound, to form the
supply of a Hospital Library: a
Sutherland; ping pong balls from
the Indian School; large parcels of
books and periodicals from Mrs.
Shewan, Mrs. A. G. Langston, Mr.
T. Dallin, Mrs. G. W. C. Burnett,
Mrs. W. L. Handyside, Mrs. Branch,
Mrs. F. A. Wells, Mrs. Harry Woods,
Mr. G. R. Edwards.

OUR \$50 PRIZE.

Result of Second New
Puzzle.

KOWLOON RESIDENT WINS.

The "China Mail" has pleasure in
announcing the result of the second
Cross-Word Puzzle of the new
series. This has been won by a
competitor with only two errors.
The competitor is:—

Mr. A. M. da Silva,
442 Nathan Road, 1st Floor,
Kowloon.

In accordance with the rules a
cheque will be sent to the winner
four days hence, under registered
cover, together with the congratula-
tions of the "China Mail."

The correct solutions are as
follows:—

Across.
1. NE; 2. PTARMIGAN; 8.
SW; 11. OBT; 12. TRI; 14. ENIG-
MA; 17. ORNATE; 20. ODE; 21.
SO; 22. PI; 23. IRK; 24. PREACH;
27. NABULUM; 30. RA; 31. AYE;
32. S.S.; 34. EKE; 37. REVERE;
40. AYR; 42. SILENCE; 43. GLIS-
TER; 44. END; 45. ANNEALS; 47.
E.T.A.; 48. R.G.; 49. SOT; 50. TA;
51. TWO; 54. EL; 56. M.S.; 57.
RAN; 59. OCS; 61. AN; 62. PA;
63. SOL; 64. STREWS; 66.
JYMOLD; 69. ASA; 71. ROE; 72.
N.W.; 73. STONECRAY; 74. S.E.

Down.

1. NEE; 3. TOM; 4. ABASH; 5.
IT; 6. GROIN; 7. AIR; 9. WAE;
10. TIDE; 13. CARL; 15. NOR; 16.
PEAR; 18. NIBS; 19. T.K.U.; 24.
PRESENT; 25. CARNAGE; 26.
GYE; 28. ASSISTS; 29. MURRAIN;
31. AVENS; 32. ERGAT; 35. KIN;
36. ELD; 38. E.C.N.; 39. ELL; 40.
ATF; 41. YET; 46. EON; 52. WOT;
53. OCRA; 55. ALLO; 56. MAJOR;
57. ROOD; 58. ALL; 60. S.E.; 63.
S.M.; 64. SIN; 65. WAT; 67. YEA;
68. DUE; 70. AN; 71. R.C.

With reference to the error in
error as a "Religious Denomination"
instead of R. G. actual, and in these
circumstances both "R.G." and
"R.C." have been accepted as cor-
rect.

AMBULANCE CORPS.

CONCERT BY CHINESE Y.M.C.A.
DIVISION.

ATTRACTIVE PROGRAMME.

On Friday and Saturday evenings
at 7.30 the Chinese Y.M.C.A. Divi-
sion of the St. John Ambulance
Brigade will give a concert in aid
of the divisional funds in the
Chinese Y.M.C.A. auditorium,
Bridges Street.

A very attractive programme
has been arranged, and those who
attend are assured of a most en-
joyable concert.

The programme will include too
dance and Greek dance by Miss
Rachael Wong, pupil of Miss Violet
Capel; a pianoforte solo by Miss
Lily Li; song by Mrs. C. W. Olson;
a Chinese song by Miss Chau
Fung-ying; Chinese music by
Messrs. Yau Hok-chau and friends;
and music by the Crescendo Club.

Tickets can be had from mem-
bers of the Chinese Y.M.C.A.
Division.

DANCE EXPERTS.

APPRECIATION OF THE
PUBLIC.

NIGHTLY DISPLAYS.

Since their initial display at
the Cafe Restaurant Parisien
Marguerite Senour have been de-
lighting the public with their
graceful and symmetrical ex-
hibitions, showing that dancing
is not merely a pastime but one
of the highest of arts in which
they themselves excel. There
is as much delight in watching
a beautiful dancer as in indulg-
ing in a dance one's self. Cer-
tainly the onlooker who loves
dancing can learn much by mere-
ly looking on during any of the
learned Professor and his spright-
ly daughter.

Last night Miss Senour was
entrusted with the bigger share
of the programme and ably did
she acquit herself. Particularly
brilliant in execution were the
Gypsy Dance and the Spanish
Bolero Dance, whilst her exhibi-
tion of the flat eccentric Charle-
ston Jazz was a veritable revelation
to those who had not before seen
this danced as it should be danced.

The Professor and Miss Senour
also appeared in a Tango Fantasia
and a Valse Idyl, whilst during
one of the intervals the Pro-
fessor, in company with a local
lady, revealed something of the
fascination of the classical ball-
room Foxtrot.

It is anticipated that the visit-
ing dance experts will remain here
only a week or so longer, so that
those who have not so far avail-
ed themselves of the opportunity
of seeing them should book their
seats at the Cafe Restaurant
Parisien in good time.

WOMAN'S DEATH.

A QUESTION OF OPIUM
IN PILLS.

FURTHER EVIDENCE HEARD.

At yesterday afternoon's re-
sumed inquest on a young Chinese
woman who died at the Govern-
ment Civil Hospital on April 22,
Mr. H. J. Armstrong, representing
the deceased's husband, produced
a certificate from the Government
Analyst showing that the pills
supplied by the deceased's father
contained 0.00036 grain of opium
per pill.

Mr. M. K. Lo, for the father,
objected to the production of the
certificate at that stage, suggest-
ing that, if at any time there had
been suspicion that death was
caused by those pills the police
should have secured a sample
from the stock the father kept.
Mr. Lo added that it was the de-
ceased's father who had taken the
first move towards an inquest, so
that the matter could be
thoroughly thrashed out. The
pills examined by the Analyst
were produced so many days after
death that it was up to the police
to prove they were the same as
the pills supplied by deceased's
father.

The Coroner (Mr. Lindsell) in-
timated that that could be done at
the adjournment.

Mr. Armstrong said that while
it was not alleged that the pills
intentionally caused death, he put
forward the suggestion that it
was conceivable and likely that
they had inadvertently caused
death.

Li Pak-hoi, a practitioner in
Chinese medicine, said he saw
the deceased only once at 9 a.m.,
on the day of her death. She
suffered from pains in the
stomach and both sides of the
tongue. He thought the pain in
the stomach was due to flatulence
while that in the tongue he put
down to fever. He had never at-
tended a case of opium poisoning,
so could not say if she was suffer-
ing from that.

Mr. E. R. Dovey, Government
Analyst said that on April 23 he
received a bottle from the Govern-
ment Civil Hospital labelled
"Stomach Washings." The bottle
contained a mixture of herbs. In
the washings he found opium. He
also received some boiled herb
mixture for examination, but he
was not able to do very much in
the way of identifying them. He
tested the mixture for the com-
mon poisons, which included
opium, with negative results.
There might have been opium in
the prescription, but then it
would have been boiled out.

On April 25 from the Govern-
ment Civil Hospital he received a
quantity of post mortem material
from the body of a Chinese
female, for examination. On
examination it was found that
there was opium in these various
parts.

From the stomach walls there
was a quantity of morphine ex-
tracted, which was equivalent to
3.3 grains of Government pre-
pared opium.

By the Coroner: Assuming
that all the opium found was
taken at one time the witness
thought the total amount de-
ceased could have taken was 20 or 30
grains, and the whole quantity
must have been taken at the very
longest within 12 hours of the
woman's death.

Proceeding, Mr. Dovey said on
May 12 he received some pills
from Messrs. Deacon's. He
analysed them and found opium
present.

Mr. Dovey's certificate of
analysis stated that the average
weight of one pill was 1/5 grain
and that the quantity of opium
present was 18 per cent, or about
0.00036 grains per pill. The docu-
ment further stated that four
grains of opium were usually re-
garded as the minimum fatal
dose. To get this quantity of
opium one would have to take
5.3 ounces of the pills.

Mr. Lo pointed out that if de-
ceased had taken 100 pills she
would have taken only .036 grains
of opium.

Mr. Armstrong remarked that
it would be easier to get an idea
of the quantity of opium in the
pills by stating that 100,000 pills
would contain 36 grains.—
(Laughter.)

Mr. Dovey added that the
opium found in the stomach was
not the same as that found in the
pills, and stated in reply to Mr.
Lo that he did not think anyone
could die of poisoning as the re-
sult of taking those pills. Assum-
ing deceased did not commit
suicide, Mr. Dovey thought it
would be quite easy for anyone
deliberately to have poisoned de-
ceased by putting opium into a
cup of Chinese medicine, and she
would have swallowed it without
knowing.

The inquiry was adjourned
until Tuesday afternoon next at
2.30 p.m.

"OF COURSE."

MAN WHO "WENT TO THE COUNTRY."
INTIMIDATION SENTENCES.

Two members of the Blacksmiths' Guild were this morning sentenced by Mr. R. E. Lindsell to six months' jail and 20 strokes of the birch each for intimidating three folks of the Kwong Cheong Woo blacksmiths' shop, No. 151, Queen's Road East, with the view to forcing them to join the guild.

The story for the prosecution as outlined by Sergeant McTernan was that the two accused went to the shop on May 8 and asked the three complainants to join the Blacksmiths' Guild. This the complainants refused to do on the ground of lack of money, whereupon the accused said "You will be killed if you don't join." Later in the day the three complainants went to tea. When they came out of the tea-house two of them walked in front while the other was a little behind. Suddenly the two heard their foki call out "save life" and looking round saw he was bleeding from a wound over his left eye. They also saw second accused running away. He had an umbrella in his hand. First accused was standing outside the tea-house. He did not attempt to run. On the evening of the 9th the two accused again went to the Kwong Cheong Woo shop and further pressed the complainants to join the guild saying "If you persist in your refusal to join we will really kill you."

After all three complainants had corroborated this story, accused were asked what they had to say. First accused admitted that he did ask the complainants to join the guild but said he did not use any threats.

Asked why the complainants had brought the case against him accused suggested that they were frightened.

Mr. Lindsell: Out of your own mouth you have condemned yourself. You must have used some threat for them to be frightened.

Accused: I mean that they became frightened when No. 2 assaulted one of them. I don't know why he did it.

Second accused admitted he assaulted first complainant and said he did so because the latter owed his friend \$8 for wages due.

Magistrate: What business is that of yours?—My friend authorized me to collect the money and complainant refused to pay.

What is his name, and where can he be found?—He has gone to the country.

Magistrate: Of course of course, he can't be found now!

Sentence was passed as mentioned above.

COMET COMING.

RETURN OF PONS-WINNECKE IN JUNE.

3,500,000 MILES AWAY.

The earth, on June 27 next, will make an extremely close approach to a comet's head; on that night we shall be only three and a half million miles from the comet Pons-Winnecke (writes the Astronomical Correspondent of the "Morning Post.")

There was much excitement in the early days of 1921, just before the last visit of this comet. Its calculated motion indicated that its path round the sun almost intersected the earth's, and that the earth and comet would arrive at the point of intersection within about two hours of one another.

It was hoped that this would result in an extremely fine display of meteors, for it is pretty certain that meteors are thick and heavy immediately in the wake of a comet's head. Unfortunately, when at last the comet was discovered, it was found that the planet Jupiter had considerably disturbed its path—that no longer and its path intersect the earth's orbit, and that the two bodies would pass each other at a distance of rather more than twelve million miles.

Meteor Showers Likely. Nevertheless, in 1921 a few bright meteors, undoubtedly the debris of Pons-Winnecke's comet, were seen. This year, passing as we do within a distance of only three and a half million miles, it seems likely that we may have meteor showers; and those who wish to see them should be on the lookout during the nights preceding and following Monday, June 27.

Even if we ever did come in direct collision with a comet's head I do not think we should suffer much harm. There would undoubtedly be a fine shower of meteors, and some of them might do a little damage in falling; but the risk taken in watching would be well repaid if the shower compared in magnificence to those in 1833 and 1866. On those two occasions many thousands of shooting stars were seen in an hour, radiating from a point in the sky like the spokes of a celestial "brolley."

LOCAL WEDDING.

POPULAR CHINESE COUPLE UNITED.

LEE—LEONG.

St. Stephen's Church was the scene of a pretty wedding yesterday afternoon when Mr. Lee Yuen-tsan, son of Mrs. Lee and the late Mr. Lee Yuet-lam of 30 King Hon Road, and Miss Leong Suk-cheng of No. 10 Ring Fat Terrace, were married by the Rev. Lee Kau-yan.

The bride, who was given away by Mr. Leong Yip-ying, was attended by Miss Winifred Kew as Maid-of-Honour and Miss Amy Ma as bridesmaid. The pretty little flower girls were Miss Leong, the bride's sister, and Miss Gloria Yee.

The groom was supported by Messrs. Ma Hin-wing and Lee Pui-tong. Dr. Fok Wing-tan rendered appropriate music at the organ. After the ceremony a reception was held at the groom's residence where many friends gathered to offer their congratulations and best wishes.

FIVE YEARS.

STAR STREET ROBBERS SENTENCED.

VIOLENCE TO WOMEN.

Sentence of five years' hard labour was passed by Mr. P. Jackson at the Criminal Sessions this morning on two men who were convicted of entering a house at Star Street, near Queen's Road East, gagging the women inmates and making off with articles of jewellery, clothing and money.

Sweet potato was used, together with wire, as a gagging method; and the women in question were also threatened with daggers and sound. This did not prevent one of the women from extricating herself shortly after their departure and giving the alarm to the Police.

The Police arrested the first prisoner some few days later and he told them on their arrival that if they waited, they would "get the other man." The "other man" turned out to be the second prisoner and although the women could not identify the first prisoner, Mr. Holmes, who prosecuted for the Crown, submitted that the fact that they had no doubt as to the second prisoner having been one of the gang taken in conjunction with the first prisoner's statement to the Police proved number one prisoner to have been a confederate.

After hearing evidence of identification, the jury returned a verdict of "guilty" and sentence was passed accordingly.

TRANSPORT PROBLEMS.

SUGGESTIONS BY COLONIAL CONFERENCE.

London, May 18. Transport problems were discussed at the colonial conference which especially drew attention to the increasing competition of motor transport with railways. The consensus of opinion emphasised the necessity of maintaining railways at the backbone of the transport systems and road programmes carried out in consultation with the railway administration would assure of motors being auxiliary to railways instead of competitors. Router.

LOTTERY FINES.

Sub-Inspector Shaftain of the S.C.A. this morning charged four Chinese before Mr. R. E. Lindsell with printing po pu lottery tickets at No. 160 Third Street, West Point. They were caught red-handed and wisely pleaded "guilty."

The offender was fined \$250 or four months, two of his chief assistants were fined \$50 or three months each, while the fourth man was ordered to pay \$25 or go to jail for one month.

A complete printing press and a large quantity of type were confiscated.

THE TRADE UNION BILL.

London, May 18. Several days of the committee stage of the Trade Union Bill have concluded with the adoption of clause one by 295 to 156 votes comprising several Government clarifying amendments. All the Opposition amendments had been previously rejected or gullied.

Attempting to cross in front of a tramcar yesterday afternoon, a motor car met with an accident, running into the tram. Fortunately the motorist had applied the emergency brake, otherwise a more serious accident would have resulted. The collision occurred opposite the Officers' Mess in Queen's Road East, and the driver of the motor car was a European.

SECRET TUBE.

WHERE TREASURES WERE HIDDEN IN WAR.
NOW USED AS NIGHT SCHOOL.

One of London's quaintest spots—a fully equipped Underground station with a fully-sized track 70 feet in length—lies hidden from public eyes at South Kensington, says "The Daily Chronicle."

When you are in this station, from which trains never run, you can hear the traffic of underground London arriving and departing and you marvel that of the tens of thousands using "South Ken," every day probably not one knows of this retreat a few yards away.

In war-time it stored from air-raid perils some of the nation's priceless pictures from the National Gallery, as well as jewels from the Tower. They were kept in alcoves off the little piece of platform which now holds paraphernalia of railway working.

To-day the station is a night-school where everything relating to signalling is taught to apprentices and linemen, and where the experienced can come for "refresher" lessons and practice.

At the dead-end of the platform is a black-board, desks for 60, a screen on which lantern diagrams and pictures are shown and other schoolroom furniture. At the other end is a signal cabin with control of the devices on the 70-foot track.

Toy Trains.

Along the edge of the platform, on a bench, is a miniature track with toy bogeys, so arranged that all-electric and electric-pneumatic signalling are demonstrated. The day of the semi-phore-arm signal has almost passed.

It would be a dream of a spot for boys, old and young, interested in railway working, but the object, if severely practical, and plays an important part in the safe and efficient working of Underground and tubes.

So perfectly has signalling developed, so mechanical is the control, that it is possible to visualise the day when trains can be run without drivers; when even mechanical forces can check any tendency to err on the part of the signalman.

The human element has been almost eliminated, and signalling is as near fool-proof as can be. It is possible for a signalman to stop any train at any given point; if a train driver falls ill, or accidentally releases his hand from his wheel, his train automatically halts.

As the signalman of to-day works his little levers—not the large ones of popular conception—he has in front of him an illuminated chart which by dark patches shows the progress of every train.

The Safety Margin.

There are a space of 500 to 600 feet between all trains even during rush hours, and it is automatically impossible for one train to come within a given distance of the preceding one.

The signalman's lever is locked until the train he has passed on has gained a certain distance. He cannot make a mistake.

Even the signal lights themselves are proof against accident. Should a fault by any chance develop in the signal—say, the breaking of the green lamp—the danger signal of red shines until things are put right.

When there is fog about the signals are increased and strengthened, so that a driver is "met in the eye" with lights at certain points which tell him whether or no all is clear. In this way trains can almost defy fog.

The school is open two nights a week to all men of the department who wish to prepare themselves for examination and pass out for vacancies as they arise.

MME. DE CASARES.

LAST HOUR HITCH OVER \$125 DEBT.

SENT BACK TO AMERICA.

Beautiful Madame Gloria de Casares, who, eighteen months ago, became famous as owner of the "whisky" ship "General Serret," which was held up in the Thames for illicit liquor-running, sailed back to America on the "Caronia" from Liverpool.

She was refused permission to land at Liverpool by the aliens officer when she arrived on the Cunard liner "Albatross."

The officer, it is stated, received his instructions from the Home Office.

Mme. de Casares left the North Western Hotel, where she had been on parole since her arrival, for the landing stage in a private car, accompanied by two detectives and an immigration official.

There was a last hour surprise as Mme. de Casares declined to leave without her luggage, which had been attached under writ for a debt of \$125.

At the last minute the money was guaranteed by a Liverpool man, who, it was understood, was a passenger on the "Caronia," and the luggage was brought to the vessel twenty minutes before the ship was due to sail.

When she was stopped at Liverpool, Mme. de Casares declared:—"It is all too ridiculous. I can only conclude that I have one or two enemies in London. I was born in London and lived in London until last year."

THE MEN TO BE.

DIPPING INTO THE DISTANT FUTURE.
A FASCINATING QUESTION.

What will be the development of mankind in the future? A remarkable German film, "Metropolis," suggests that the world will become "robotised"; men and women will become the slaves of machines and mechanical devices. In the following article, exclusive to the "Sunday Mail," Professor A. M. Low, the well-known scientist, discusses the fascinating question.

Before one can visualise the possibilities of the future one must consider the changes that have taken place in the past. The only real difference between life to-day and life in the past, when we used cheerfully to burn our ancestors alive because we thought it might be for the good of their souls, is that we now think and act much more quickly.

Speed and comfort are the only two changes that have taken place in the world, and now that science has discovered that facts as such do not exist, it is becoming quite common for technicians to produce a curve of progress and to examine thereby the probable tendencies of the future.

The Line of Demarcation.

We used to be taught that there was a sharp line of demarcation between inanimate and living objects, but a slight knowledge of the atom and the common origin of matter makes it very clear that life exists throughout the entire universe as one unending stream. All that the best of us can do is to attempt to visualise the manner in which this stream will flow.

I have said that speed and comfort are the governing facts of progress. That speed is all-important is very obvious. In one century we have progressed from the time when twenty miles an hour was considered dangerous, and when doctors told us that sixty miles an hour would prove fatal to human life. Now we do not hesitate to look forward to the near future when we shall fly to India and talk and see those at home by means of wireless. All these simple facts would have seemed no more than a madman's dream fifty years ago.

The world can only continue in virtue of changes, and it is ridiculous to imagine that greater alterations will not take place in our mode of life in the far distant future when our proud buildings of to-day have become mud and clay. The factor "comfort" is of equal importance to that of speed, for the very excellent reason that mankind is improving its mental capacity and is seeking how, by means of scientific and mechanical devices, it can avoid the physical disabilities handed down to us by the generations of animals who have gone before.

That this animal life is still only a few moments of scientific time may be easily proved. It is only 600 years ago that the Pacific Ocean was first noticed, and 500 years ago in England we were burning offensive old women at the stake because children stated that they changed themselves into horses or rabbits.

Creation of Cellular Life.

As yet science has only been able to continue growth of cellular life and not to create it, and as we can only accommodate parts of our body to certain forms of labour by means of concentration, we have natural determination not to wait for evolution but to control our physical disabilities by machinery.

We do not hesitate to wear glasses to-day; we do not hesitate to realise that before long our teeth will have gone, and we understand that the possibilities of bio-chemistry may permit us to feed children in order that certain peculiar faculties of the mind may be developed. In the near future we shall probably nourish poets differently from engineers. We shall probably treat children before they are born by ultra-violet rays of a nature yet to be discovered.

The time may come when sunlight will be replaced by some etheric artificial oscillation, and our cities will be so created that the huge conglomeration of buildings will look like one huge house. It is inconceivable that the labour to which millions of people are now subjected would be permitted, or would be necessary for the physical weaklings of the days to envisage.

The point of my argument is that, since great changes have taken place in the past few years, the tendency is likely to continue in the future. Mankind is, on the average, losing its desire for physical strength, and it is only logical to imagine that, as we still further develop our brains and extend our knowledge of atomic movements, we shall reach such a pitch that physical actions will have become impossible.

Our heads will have become relatively soft and will require protection. We shall have developed chemical means of nourishing our brains, and of further developing them by electrical treatment. Certainly we shall never trouble to use our own strength, but we shall expect to sit at a desk in a condition of physical coma while machinery carries out all our wishes.

Inventions of Future.

Even to-day, with electrical knowledge in an embryonic state, we can control movements of aeroplanes by wireless; we can press buttons and receive lighted cigars or carefully prepared meals in response to our touch. I am convinced that the business man of the future will scarcely use his voice, for his desk will be covered with switches and knobs that, by means of ma-

chinery, will carry out all his desires. By simply pressing a button, his car will arrive, transport him to a hut and lower him gently into a super-comfort vehicle which will allow his mind to be in touch, by mechanical means, with every part of the world where his business may lie.

One people of those days will look on our times with something of the same contempt that we retain for the trauers who first visited our shores in search of tin. What a pleasant thought it will be for the women of the future in a mechanical world to know that the glimmers of invention that we gathered made mechanical washing-machines possible in 1927, while they, a few thousand years hence, have been totally emancipated from the mud-destrating labour women are now expected to enjoy.

Children can be incubated without very much difficulty, and an incubator is no more than a machine. Food can be prepared by innumerable electrical devices. The way for the electrification of life is being begun in our own little country, and it will be adapted to more and more services.

I do not believe that motor-cars will be steered for long distances by weary mankind in the future, but rather that they will be automatically guided along the roads by wireless before they take off to leave our Britain, or before they are garaged in the underground.

Mechanical cities of the future, with moving staircases, moving floors and lifts, or mechanical hands to obviate the necessity for the slightest physical exertion which may interfere with man's mental concentration, are no mere dream pictures.

Everything points to such a development, and it does not require a vast stretch of the imagination to picture a happy couple of the future so entranced by their imagination that they will ask no greater enjoyment than to sit down while the floor is moved, relatively, to their feet by machinery, instead of their feet having to perform the antics of the Charleston.

Shadows Before.

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN THE "MAIL."

Entertainments.

May 19—Queen's Theatre; "Bluebeard's 8th Wife."

May 19—Star Theatre; Wilbur Players present "Cappy Ricks" at 9.15 p.m.

May 19—Star Theatre; "How Baxter Butted In."

May 19—World Theatre; "Forbidden Paradise."

May 19—Tea Dance, Cafe Restaurant Parisien, 4.30 p.m. Dinner Dance, 8 p.m.; exhibition dancing, 8.30 p.m.

May 19—Isako's European Circus, Hungnam, Kowloon, 9.15 p.m.

May 19—Smoking concert for members of Esama Asen, Club premises, Queen's Road, 9 p.m.

May 20—Hong Kong Dance Club next dance, Lane Crawford's Cafe, 8.30 p.m.

May 26—Matinee performance by the "Squeakettes," Helena May Institute, 5.30 p.m.

Sports.

May 25—Race for Brown Rowing Cup, starting from Channel Rocks, 6.15 p.m.

May 24—Kowloon Cricket Club hold function in aid of Hospital Comforts Fund.

May 23-24—Second extra Race Meeting at Macao, 2.15 p.m.

June 4, 6—Fourth extra race meeting of H. K. Jockey Club, Happy Valley Race Course.

Auctions.

May 21, 23—Ladies' dress wear, and sundries, Messrs. Lammett Bros. Sales Room, 10.30 a.m.

May 23—Household furniture, 4, Armand Bldg., Kowloon, by Messrs. Lammett Bros., 2.45 p.m.

May 25—The whole of Messrs. Sheriff Bros.' Shop fittings, and sundries will be auctioned by Messrs. Lammett Bros. at 69, Queen's Road, Central, 2.30 p.m.

Meetings.

May 20—Fifty-fourth meeting of Union Insurance Society of Canton, Union Bldg., 11 a.m.

May 20—Fifty-eighth meeting of the China Fire Insurance Co. Ltd., Union Bldg., 11.20 a.m.

May 31—Fourth yearly meeting of Prince's Bldg. & Land Co. Ltd., Prince's Bldg., 4 p.m.

June 7—Forty-ninth annual meeting of shareholders of the China Sugar Refining Co. Ltd., Messrs. Jardine's Offices, noon.

Miscellaneous.

May 19—Sale of Works of St. Andrew's Church Mothers' Union, 4-6 p.m.

May 23—Party given at Nam Tong Restaurant in honour of Sir J. H. Kemp.

May 27—Kowloon Chess Club return match: Kowloon v. H.M.S. "Hermes," 8 p.m.

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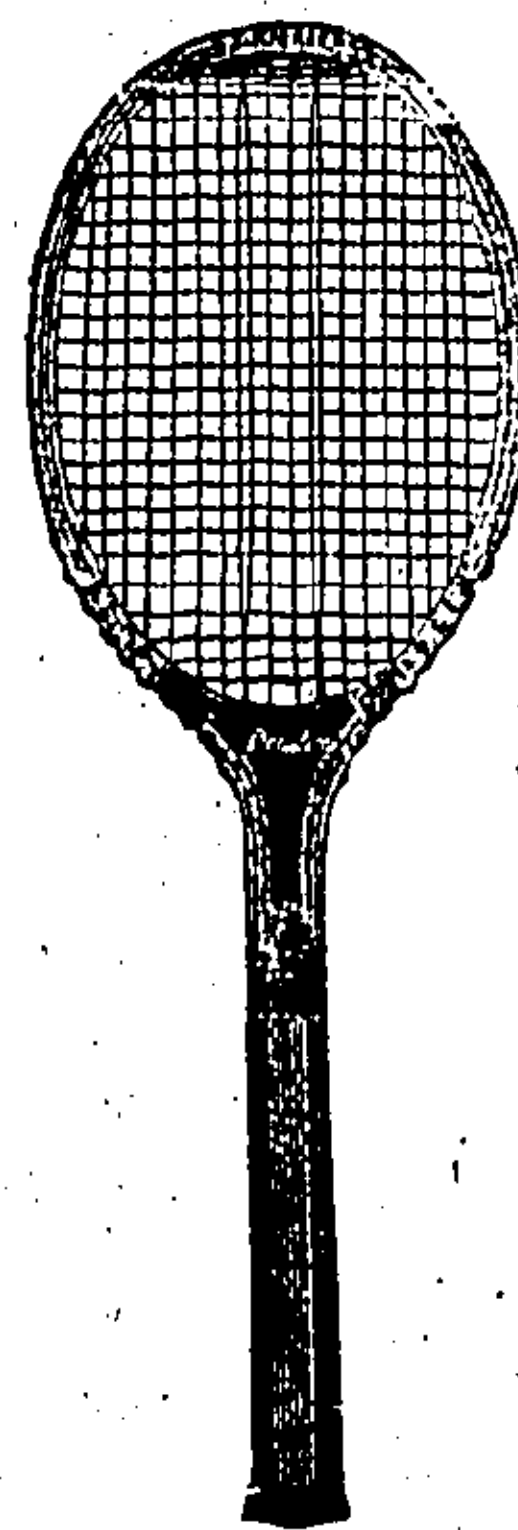
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LOCAL AND GENERAL NEWS.

One case of small pox, Chinese,
was notified from Shaikwan yes-
terday.

To-night the Ex-Active Service
Men's Association are holding a
smoking concert in their Club room
in Queen's Road Central.

There is a possibility that
shortly an air transport route will
open between Penang, Singapore
and the Dutch East Indies.

At the Cathedral Hall last
evening, a successful Whist Drive
was held by the St. Peter's Young
Men's Club. An enjoyable evening
was spent by all. Mr. A. Tucker
was the M.C., and the prizes were
distributed by Rev. N. V. Halvard.

Mr. Alfred Gilbert's design
for the memorial to Queen Alex-
andra has been accepted, says the
"Daily Express." It will take the
form of a bronze group of three
figures—Faith, Hope, and
Charity. The memorial will be
erected on a site adjoining Marl-
borough House, and facing Friary
Court.

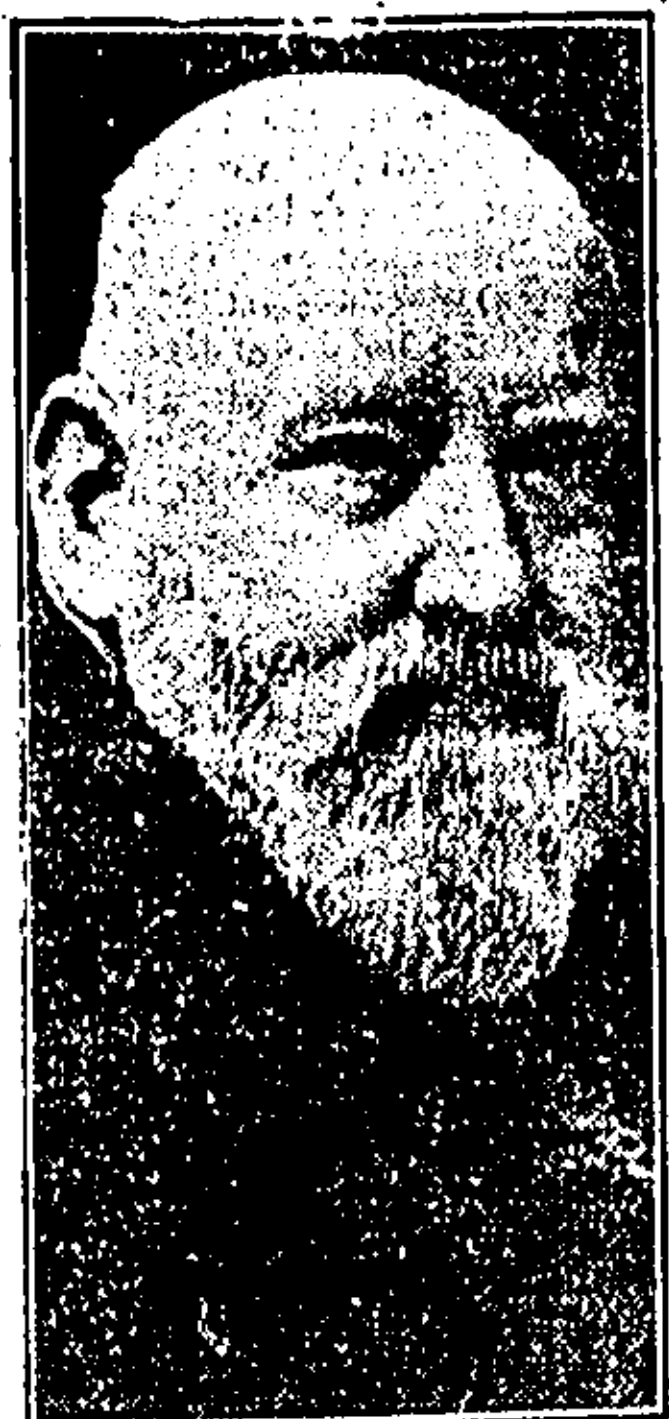
The Prince of Wales has
given £100 towards the expenses
in connection with the ground re-
cently acquired at Plymouth for
the use of Civil Servants employ-
ed in the Dockyard. He has also
intimated to the Civil Service
Sports Council that if engage-
ments permit he will open the
new sports ground on June 7.

In view of the recent dis-
cussion as to the amount of in-
terest English people take in
music, it is significant that the
London Opera Syndicate's sub-
scription list to date amounts to
more than three times that of the
whole subscription to their first
season in 1925. The increase is
shown in all parts of the house,
while the amphitheatre stalls
were practically entirely sub-
scribed for within a week of the
list being opened last January.

The 2nd Duke of Wellin-
gton's Regiment, who relieved the
2nd Royal Sussex Regiment in
Singapore in March last year, are,
in turn, to be succeeded by the
2nd Suffolk Regiment, should
conditions in China permit. The
Suffolks at present form part of
the Shanghai Defence Force, and
should conditions in China be
such as to enable the change to
take place, the new Regiment will
arrive in Singapore during Octo-
ber. The Duke's, who went to
Singapore from Egypt, are to
proceed to an Indian station.

The police dance at the gym-
nasium last evening was well at-
tended.

The dedication of the Methodist
Episcopal Chapel at Banting F.M.S.,
has taken place. The Rev. R. A.
Blasdel, District Superintendent,
Methodist Mission, officiated.



Lord Rothschild, head of one of
the richest families of the world, is
usually adverse to publicity. In
this instance, however, he willingly
posed for his photograph.

The correspondence on the
subject of high rents in Singa-
pore, evoked by an editorial note
in the "Straits Times," shows
that undue advantage is being
taken by many landlords of the
present house shortage to squeeze
their unfortunate tenants. This
is particularly bad on the clerk
class and, says the "Malay Mail,"
is not without its parallel in
Kuala Lumpur.

Lunching at the Embassy Club
the other day I heard a loud report
(observes a London writer.) I
turned round in alarm, but it was
nothing more dramatic than the
bursting of a glass rose worn by a
lady seated at the next table.
These new and very pretty glass
flowers are rather dangerous unless
they are made of plain cut crystal.
Sometimes a coloured chemical is
used which, when heated, causes
the glass to burst into atoms, and
brings a somewhat unwelcome
notoriety to the unfortunate wearer.

The Hong Kong Dance Club
will hold another dance at 8.30 this
evening at Lans, Crawford's Cafe.

A sale of work will be held
from 4 to 6 p.m. to-day by the St.
Andrew's Church Mothers' Union
in aid of funds for the blind. It
will take the form of a garden
party.

"Let me feel your pulse" is the
doctor's usual demand when you
call him in and ask what is the mat-
ter with you (says a "Daily Chroni-
cle" writer.) In the near future
he may produce and attach to your
wrist a formidable machine (just
invented in Germany) which will
cause your pulse-beats to be heard
and traced on a diagram. He will
then be able to discover exactly how
alcohol, tobacco, muscular effort,
and mental strain affect your sys-
tem. Then we shall be "told not
to" more than ever I suppose.

Complaints have recently
been made as to the clearance of
undergrowth on the "island" near
the Peak Tram station at the
junction of Lower Albert Road
with Garden Road. It was
assumed that the clearance pre-
saged the denuding of the
"island" of trees. It is under-
stood that this is not the case,
the clearance of undergrowth
having achieved the object of ren-
dering traffic more safe by giv-
ing greater visibility. It is un-
derstood that a measure of
further safety is a regulation
that cars must not use the upper
connection round the "island,"
in turning from Lower Albert
Road to Garden Road. It is also
understood regarding the appear-
ance of the "island" that low-
lying growth which will not
obstruct the view will be planted.

For some inexplicable reason
Singapore frequently has to go far
afield to gather information which
should be supplied officially, re-
marks the "Straits Times." An-
other instance is just to hand from
Hong Kong where the Chamber of
Commerce have courteously in-
formed the Press that the Customs au-
thorities of the United Kingdom
have decided that duty must be paid
on silk ribbon used for decorative
purposes in trimming and tying
up boxes in which Chinese mer-
chandise may be imported into the
United Kingdom. Exporters are
advised in view of this to see that
no silk or artificial silk trimmings
are used in packing. There can be
but very little doubt that similar
official intimation has been receiv-
ed by somebody in Singapore. But
why are we kept in ignorance? This
is one of the little points that save
so much trouble and annoyance
both out here and to our friends at
home.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL NEWS.

Mr. J. F. Owen has been appoint-
ed Deputy Agent, Malay States, In-
formation Agency, Cannon Street,
for one year from March 26, 1927.

Dr. Stanley Jones, a prominent
American missionary, who has
seen much service in India, and
is the author of "The Christ on
the Indian Road," will probably
visit Malaya sometime this year.

Windsor Castle requires more ser-
vants than any other residence in
the kingdom (says the "Sunday
Chronicle"). When the Court is in
residence there the staff amounts to
about three hundred. All these are
under the charge of Mrs. Amelia
Rawlings, who surely must be Bri-
tain's busiest housekeeper.

The two most important brides of
the spring, Miss Marcella Duggan
and Miss Mary Ashley, will be mar-
ried in May, although some years
ago no bride would have chosen a
day in this so-called "unlucky"
month, says a Sunday paper. Miss
Mary Ashley is having a very beau-
tiful white and silver gown made in
London, and her baby train bearers
will include her niece, little Patricia
Mourbatten. She has a wonderful
engagement ring, consisting of one
huge emerald.

Straits papers announce the
death, after a long illness, of the
Rev. Francois Le Mahoe, vicar of
St. Anthony's Church, Robertson
Road, Kuala Lumpur, which took
place at the Parochial House. The
reverend gentleman, who was a fine
Tamil scholar, a real driving force,
and very popular among his flock,
was 52 years of age, and came to
Malaya from Brittany in 1897.
Only once had he been back in
France on leave, in 1920, when he
spent a year in Europe.

Prince Olaf of Norway, who has
had the alarming experience of be-
ing "missing" for 15 hours on the
Norefjeld mountain, is, perhaps,
the greatest all-round sportsman of
all the younger Princes of to-day.
This five-days mountain expedition
with a party of Army officers would
be a sheer joy for him. He is as
well known in England as in Nor-
way especially in the country round
about Appleton Hall, Queen Maud's
Norfolk home. Excellent at most
games, Prince Olaf is a fine sprinter
and jumper and is extremely good
at ice sports. He is a most eligi-
ble Royal bachelor and rumour is
busy finding him a bride.

Among passengers leaving by the
s.s. "Taiping" from Hong Kong
yesterday were Mr. and Mrs. John
Plummer, Mr. and Mrs. W. Faid and
Mr. and Mrs. Jennings.

Messages from Havana report
that Capablanca received a great
ovation on his return from his
chess triumphs in New York.
Huge crowds paraded the streets
holding up the traffic for more
than an hour.



Mary Lewis, prima donna so-
prano, and well-known concert
artist.

Three princes and two princesses
crossed the Atlantic by the White
Star liner "Majestic," sailing from
Southampton for New York. They
were Prince Ernest Heinrich of
Saxony, Prince Paul Chavchavadze,
Princess Nina Chavchavadze,
Prince Rostislav Alexandrovitch,
Princess Marie Louise Musk.

There has been a revival lately of
"flower weddings," once so popular
remarks a Home paper. At the
marriage of Mr. H. Stanley Jackson
and Miss D. Biddard, the six grown-
up bridesmaids wore frilly frocks in
three-wallflower shades, with
wreaths of wall-flowers on their
heads. "I have just heard that a
coining bride is to have an all-violet
(her name 'flower') wedding, with
her bridesmaids' dresses in chiffon
shading from deep purple to pama-

Next Monday Sir Joseph Kemp
will be the guest of honour at a
party to be held at Nam Tong Res-
taurant, when about 50 Chinese will
be present to congratulate him on
his knighthood.

Mr. R. M. Holland-Martin,
C.B., chairman of the Bank of
Liverpool and Martins, Ltd., has
been elected chairman of the
Committee of London Clearing
Bankers for the ensuing year, and
the Right Hon. Reginald
McKenna, chairman of the Mid-
land Bank, deputy-chairman.

In these days when the owners
of sleek shingled heads take off
their hats on all sorts of occasions
when the woman of a generation
ago would not have dreamt of "un-
covering," it is amusing to find that
in some places it is still consid-
ered bad taste for a woman to dance
in the afternoon with unhatted
head (observes a "Daily Chronicle"
writer.) At a leading West End
restaurant the other day a girl at a
table near by my own took off her
hat when she was going to dance.
Before she had gone once round the
floor she was told that she must put
on her hat again or leave.

In the quiet churchyard at
Rhyd, in North Wales, has been
buried a woman who for many
years mourned the death of a
gallant husband into whose hands
in her girlhood she had fallen a
captive. She was the niece of
President Kruger and of General
Delarey. When the Boer War
broke out she was a member of
an organisation very much akin
to our Girl Guides, and as such
she took her place with the Boers
in the firing line, her chief occu-
pation being that of a despatch
rider. It was while thus occupied
that she attempted to get through
the British Lines, and her horse
was shot from under her by
Lieut. Colonel A. O. Vaughan,
D.S.O., of the King's Own York-
shire Light Infantry, better
known to the world, and more
especially to Wales, as "Rhos
Comyl." Colonel Vaughan took
the gallant lady despatch rider a
prisoner, and she in turn cap-
tured his heart. "They were married
and spent many happy years after
the war in England.

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SKILFUL PLAY.

The exhibition tennis matches in aid of the Hong Kong Women's Guild and Ministering Children's League were played off yesterday on the Hong Kong C.C. ground.

It was at first feared there would be another postponement on account of a fairly heavy shower of rain just before the fifth hour but a strong sun soon rendered the ground fit for play.

The mixed doubles match was decided first. Major Lores and Mrs. Tottenham defeated M.K. and Miss Esch by 6-4, 6-4.

The tennis was of a high standard in spite of the slippery ground, the ladies particularly showing up very well.

The men's doubles between S.A. and J.D. Rumiha and Col. C. Russell-Brown and Dr. R. E. Tottenham went to four sets, in favour of the former pair.

The Rumiha's did not take things seriously in the early stages of the game, but were soon made to realise that they were up against quite a formidable pair.

The Colonel specialised in his fore-hand drives, putting a lot of "devil" on the ball, whilst his partner won many points at the net.

The Indians, though not playing brilliantly, were as consistent as ever, their uncanny retrieving power being again in evidence.

At the conclusion of the matches, Mrs. Southern handed pretty souvenirs to the ladies who played in the first match and also to the winners of the men's doubles.

Mr. R. E. Lindsell very ably acted as Umpire in both the matches.

Exhibition Doubles.

An exhibition doubles match has been arranged for to-morrow on the stand court of the Hong Kong C.C. (by kind permission of the Club officials), the proceeds to go towards the Building Fund of the Indian Recreation Club.

Four of the leading players of the Colony will take part, S.A. and J.D. Rumiha (doubles champions for three years) being matched against Mr. Sze-king and T. Honda.

To those who have been resident in Hong Kong for the last few years, the Indian R.C. needs no introduction. Its members have been taking a prominent part in the sporting activities of the Colony, particularly in cricket and tennis.

In last season's Junior Cricket League, the I.R.C. won pride of place and it has also produced a new singles tennis champion in the person of S. A. Rumiha, whose sparkling play in the tournament just concluded has delighted hundreds of spectators.

The Indian Recreation Club, which is situated at Sookumpoo Valley, has been in existence for close on ten years. For some time, it has been realised that its match accommodation is totally inadequate for the needs of both members and visitors alike.

The Indian community is making a strenuous "drive" for funds and it is hoped that before long it will be able to put up a club-house at Sookumpoo, on the lines of those of other Clubs in the Colony.

It is hoped that a large number of spectators will attend the exhibition tennis to-morrow. Apart from the cause that they will be helping, as an I.R.C. member told our representative this morning, "the bill of fare will be first-rate and those who attend can be assured of receiving value for their money."

The match commences at 4.30 p.m. Tickets (\$1 each) can be obtained at the Hong Kong C.C. pavilion.

Y.M.C.A. Tennis Club.

As already reported, the long talked of Tennis Club in connection with the European Y.M.C.A., Kowloon, has been decided upon, and preliminary steps have been taken to form the Club. A management committee has been appointed and all that remains is to get things started at the end of this month.

Further meetings will be held at which various "domestic matters" will be discussed. There are four courts available, but of these only three will be in use at one time. One court will always be kept free for members only, and lady friends will be invited to participate at times on the other courts.

Minerals will be procurable at the pavilion, now being erected.

SINGLES—ADVICE TO THE SERVER.

Mrs. G. J. Dewhurst (Holder of the Ceylon Ladies' Tennis Championship) and Miss V. M. Glasspool, write in the "Times of Ceylon":

The great object in singles is to keep your opponent on the run and to get the attack.

The first attack lies with the server and he has the choice of staying on the back line or running up to the net on his service.

The following are sound tactics, but must not be adhered to rigidly, as variety is a necessity in both shots and tactics and a great deal depends on the likes and dislikes of your opponent. Vary your service in pace and direction otherwise your opponent will soon know where to stand and you will lose the advantage of the original attack.

From a good start Tetraet obtained a slight lead from Damon, Tattoo, Hot Night, Call Boy, and Adam's Apple. Below the bushes Call Boy and Adam's Apple went to the front, followed by Damon, Hot Night, Shian Mor and Sickle at a distance. Call Boy and Adam's Apple were fighting out a great finish, with Sickle coming up rapidly. Adam's Apple won in a most exciting manner. Hot Night was fourth.

The time was 1 min. 38 1-5 sec. The winner is owned by Mr. C. Whitburn; the second by Mr. F. Curzon; the third by Lord Derby.

In the One Thousand Guinea's A. Balding rode the winner, Cresta Run, Booklaw ridden by Jelliss, and Endowment, with J. Childs up.

The weather was glorious. Escalator went off slowly and was last throughout. Cresta Run speedily took the running from Escalator, Booklaw, Endowment, and Jelliss.

The English Amateur Close Championship.

Sutton Coldfield (Warwickshire).—T. Ellison (Royal Liverpool), holder of the English Amateur Close Golf Championship since its inception three years ago, was beaten in the third round by N. Dunn (Doncaster) the Yorkshire Champion, by 3 and 2.

London, April 28.

Sutton Coldfield (Warwickshire).—The English Amateur Close Championship is reduced to a field of eight, of whom Stourbridge doctor, Tweddell, is favourite.

The field also includes Dunn, the Oxonian, Zair, (Capt. Heath), Carl Bretherton (Hawesworth) and Beddard (South Staffs).

London, April 29.

Sutton Coldfield (Warwickshire).—In the sixth round of the Amateur Close Championship, Dunn beat Buckley, the old Aston Villa half-back, by 3 and 1.

Perkins (Castle Bromwich) beat Zair by 6 and 4.

Beddard beat Tweddell by one hole.

Heaps (Moor Town) beat Bretherton by two holes.

London, April 29.

Sutton Coldfield (Warwickshire).—In the semi-finals of the Amateur Close Championship, Beddard beat Dunn by 6 and 5, and Perkins beat Heaps by 6 and 5.

Encouraging Professionals.

London, April 27.

The most encouraging feature of the opening of the £1,200 professional golf tournament at West Hill, Surrey, was the form of eight of the nine internationals chosen to play against America.

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The programme for the Whitsuntide meeting is out. It is much the same as usual, except that there will be no mixed competition this year. The running bogy pool should attract many competitors, and the Medal Pool will also be popular. There is also a best ball competition (in fourballs), less half combined handicap to count, medal round. Entries in all three are unlimited.

The match between a team from the Senior Club and the Junior Section at Happy Valley, which was arranged originally for Sunday next, has been postponed until May 29. The teams will be eight a side and will play eighteen holes under handicap.

The Bogy Pool May 21-23 has been extended to cover the 24th (Empire Day).

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HOW "THE GUINEAS" WAS WON.

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ROWDYISM.

BREAKING UP A GANG OF BULLIES.

"SQUEEZE" CASE SEQUEL.

"The police can't protect you, we will stab them too." This bold threat was attributed to one of three men charged before Major C. Willson yesterday afternoon with intimidation.

The first man was further charged with assault but this count was not proceeded with after his conviction, with the others, of intimidation. All three were smartly punished with sentences of three months' hard labour each.

The accused's arrest came as a sequel to last Saturday's case in which Mr. R. E. Lindsell sentenced two members of the present accused's gang to six months' hard labour and 20 strokes of the birch each for obtaining by menace, from five unlicensed truck pullers, 20 per cent. of their day's earnings.

Another member of the gang who gave evidence for the defence was fined \$50 or four weeks' jail for perjury, when he denied on oath that he had treated the complainants to tea and offered them \$5 each not to give evidence.

All the complainants in yesterday's case were complainants in the previous case, while two of the accused were defence witnesses.

After Saturday's case Sub-Insp. Shaftain of the S.C.A., anticipated trouble and sent out district watchmen on special duty in the vicinity of Wing Lok wharf.

This had the effect of preventing serious trouble on both days, but there were minor brushes which resulted in the accused's arrest, two on Saturday and the other on Sunday.

The evidence against all three accused was of a similar nature. They approached the complainants separately and after reminding them that they had given evidence against their (accused's) "brothers" in spite of the fact that complainants had been offered \$5 each not to do so, accused demanded: "Are you not afraid of death?" adding "The police can't protect you all your life. We will get you yet, and then we will deal with you with daggers."

First and third accused allowed their rage to get the better of them and struck the victim was a mere youngster and he ran away at this show of force, but the other complainant retaliated whereupon third accused remarked "You are brave because you know the police are here to protect you, but they can't follow you all your life. You will be stabbed to death, and the police too, if they interfere."

However, when a district watchman arrived the accused submitted like a lamb and went to the station without giving any trouble.

The complainant's evidence was corroborated by the three watchmen who arrested the accused. They stood in the fringe of the crowd and heard everything that was said and interfered only when they thought trouble was imminent.

When his Worship had convicted, Sub-Insp. Shaftain outlined the whole history of the feud, from the squeeze to the conviction of the three men by Mr. Lindsell, and asked for an exemplary penalty. He said this rowdyism must be stopped, and this could be done only by means of a heavy sentence which would convince the accused's gang that this sort of thing did not pay.

In sentencing the accused, Major Willson said "You can't go on terrorizing people who are carrying out their lawful occupations."

SUNRISE AND SUNSET IN HONG KONG FOR MAY, 1927.

(Standard Time of the 120th Meridian, East of Greenwich).

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THE WORLD OF BOOKS

ON WAR BOOKS.

ONE THAT CANNOT BE WRITTEN.

THE IMPOSSIBLE OLYMPIAN.

Why there should be a sudden, simultaneous flowering of the same mood in different parts of a country, in different social and intellectual strata of its people, and on both sides of an ocean, I shall not attempt to discuss; but it is a fact that at the moment a new interest in imaginative War books is asserting itself in all reading classes, both here and over the Atlantic (writes Ernest Raymond in the "Sunday Times"). The readers of the "Sunday Times" may not have noticed that a correspondence, almost parallel to their own, has recently figured in a newspaper which ministers to a quite different public. And articles on the same subject are appearing in the specifically literary Press, and comments on the resurrection of the War novel in the book-trade journals. The trade journals of America tell the same story. And the War film is all-conquering. "Mons," a film without a story and, worse, without a heroine, probably broke records.

After noting the lists of books recommended by the correspondents of these papers, I have been moved to play my memory so earnestly over these novels that it is now in danger of delivering up to me three suspect things: a generalisation, a prediction, and a philosophy. The generalisation is that there are no really satisfying War novels; the prediction, that there never will be; and the philosophy (for what it is worth) shall be stated at the close of this essay.

All War Books "Tendential."

Though there are some very fine War books, there are no completely satisfying ones, because they are all tendential—is there such a word? My dictionary knows nothing of it, and Mr. H. W. Fowler has yet to speak. Anyway, it serves my meaning, which is just this: that all the War books of these lists are vitiated, some only faintly, some quite fatally, by a tendency of their authors to draw from the terrible deeds they renege either this lesson or that: one must cry his gospel of consolation or hope, another proclaim—explicitly or implicitly—his resentment and despair, and a third set forth his vision of a future, happier world.

The writers of these books were necessarily young and sensitive, young, because, with a few exceptions, the only War books worth considering are those written by men who experienced the heat and foreboding of the battle; and sensitive, because it is only a sensitive young man who is rash enough to write a book. And it seems as if these young, sensitive men, hurt beyond endurance by the completeness of the tragedy, simply had to escape either into dim hopes or into fervid resentments. Whether this intolerable hurt and the inevitable escape were ever conscious I doubt, but in one form or another the symptoms of it are in every War book. And it is not with a nervously shifting gaze that so supreme a tragedy should have been viewed; its very perfection demanded perfectly steady and perfectly quiet eyes.

Those who would think themselves quite guiltless of this emotional escape—the anti-sentimentalists—are often as guilty as the others. M. Henri Barbusse, in his fine stories, escapes into a savage indignation; so does Dos Passos in his "Three Soldiers"; and Mr. Wells escapes with Mr. Britling into an atlas and the map of the world that is all he.

Moments of Great Literature. And yet how marvellous is the power of the War to create moments of great literature in all these writers and in many far smaller ones! Not a book in these lists but has its moments—moments when the author was not averting his eyes but dis-

passionately recounting what he saw; and it is by the power of these moments that we know how great is the book that has never been written and never will be. These moments are all (as I can only style them) "diary moments," the savour of the notebook, and the trench after the fight, and the indelible pencil from a tunic pocket. Such are, for instance, the central chapters of Ewart's "Way of Revelation"—probably the greatest chapters in any War novel—do you remember "Ypres lay behind us like a city that could suffer no more?" the central chapters of Frankau's "Peter Jackson," and the purely journalistic parts of Sir Philip Gibbs' "Middle of the Road," and yet, alas! all three of these books, when they withdraw from the miracle-working field of the War, degenerate into mere sofa romances, and thus all three of them are fine books manqués. And here, let me say—else will somebody say it most righteously in next week's "Sunday Times"—that if there is one book more open than another to this indictment of the "emotional escape," it is my own "Tell England." Perhaps that is why I write on the subject feelingly.

If Only. Two books occur to me that approach the ideal standard because they have the unity of mood and the steady vision, Mottram's "Spanish Farm Trilogy" and Sheila Kaye-Smith's "Little England"; but they are both rather local and limited, and want, I think, something of the fire of the battle chapters mentioned above. No, the book that maintains the level of Ewart's central moments can never be written—because our young writers cannot again pencil their chapters in dug-out, trench, tent, and ship, whence alone came the flashes of literature worthy of the War. If only—if only one of them, in the days when he was a highly sensitised instrument for recording the intolerable pageant before him, had been able to keep his first word to his last fearlessly, remorselessly, unangrily, and unswervingly! There would have been no need for him passionately to seek out the beauty; all the overtones of beauty would have been there. Because the War was at once the most awful and the most beautiful pageant any of us have seen; the whole dark field was phosphorescent with a beauty we shall not look upon again.

Explain this statement I cannot; it is one of the things one just knows but can never analyse nor understand. But it is the basis of the philosophy I mentioned in the beginning. If a light of beauty hangs over all pain, brightening as the pain darkens, till alone in the completeness of tragedy is the completest beauty seen, then I understand why the seers of this world have never sought escape, but have accepted in quietness that all things, willingly, are under the ascendancy of good.

TROUBLOUS TIMES.

Present-day conditions are unusually trying. The business man finds himself harassed and worried to a degree. Such times as these call for maximum efficiency of the individual. Good health, which is essential to success, is now doubly fraught with consequence. Calm nerves and general alertness are of paramount importance. History has been made and unmade by neurotics.

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BITS FROM BOOKS.

"THE FOUR-POST BED."

"If that old furniture-dealer happens to call for my four-poster while I'm out, that's all right; he can take it for what it is worth." "He hoped he would be out when the man came to fetch it. Though he wanted to get rid of it, after all it was like the passing of some old hunter, the putting down of some favourite—one does not like to be present when the knacker arrives; neither did he want to be present when bit by bit the old four-poster came downstairs."

"What, selling the bed as you were born on, Mr. Armine? Well, you do surprise me." "Yes; I'm going to buy a new-fashioned one, and to save further comment he had the audacity to announce: 'Miss Anne never cared about that bed, so I'm after a new one.'"

"Well, now you come to speak of it, I have heard Miss Anne say as how she could not abide them hangings and that there canopy; didn't deem it healthy-like. That do seem a pity, though, an old family thing, like that to go."

After all, you can get beautiful brass testers, with spring mattresses as is all the go nowadays."

The end of the four-poster is the final surrender in a pretty love story of country life told by Charles Fielding March in "The Four-Post Bed" (Cassell, 7s. 6d. net). Middle Age.

"She was going to meet again Ralph Jeffry, and she wondered what he would think of her—whether she would find her much changed. She was forty-one, and she would not let herself forget it."

"Up to twenty-five, a woman takes her good looks for granted. From twenty-five to thirty-five she is careful of them, fusses, over them. From thirty-five onwards, if she is a woman of sense, she is philosophic about them, having learnt that whatever she may do to preserve or intensify beauty she will make little difference to it; and while she may meet people who still admire, she will equally meet those who do not."

Helen, as a rule, whose looks were concerned, was a philosopher. "This evening things were different. In a moment of weakness, of which she was afterwards ashamed, she searched the mirror for lines and grey hairs. Would he still think her beautiful? Her glass gave her back a slim and sweet-faced woman, with soft, dark eyes, still humorous and tender, luxuriant dark hair, and features untouched by time. The bloom of youth was gone, and nothing, she knew, could replace it. In her moments of sense she would not have been without the few lines that sorrow and experience of life had graven on forehead and cheek; tonight she was impatient with them."

BOOK GOSSIP.

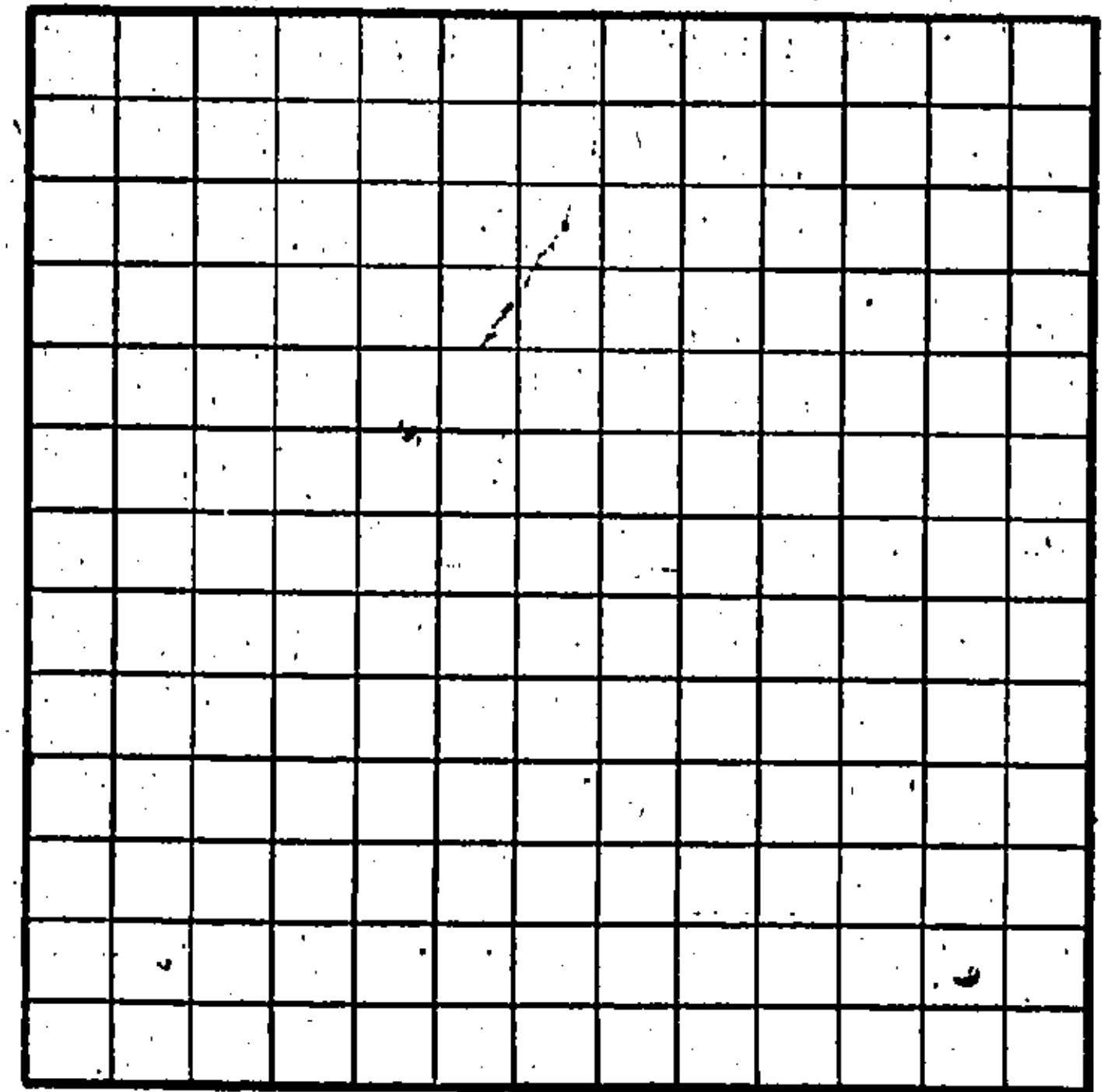
Simpkin, Marshall, are agents for a new book on Spiritualism entitled "Phenias Speaks," being revelations given to Conan Doyle's private circle. This is published at 2s. 6d. net in paper covers and 3s. 6d. net in cloth. It is said that communications which are claimed to be from super-mundane sources have never justified themselves by their internal evidence of higher wisdom and knowledge, but the reader will find that such a criticism can hardly be directed against the message of Phenias. The author's works on Spiritualism are eagerly sought for, and it is certain that this, his latest book, will attract special attention.

For home or office use there is no better or handier little all-round reference book than the "Concise Pocket Encyclopedia," published by Messrs. Asprey & Co., Ltd. It manages to compress the maximum of useful information within the minimum of space, yet is clearly printed and interestingly written.

A cleverly conceived novel is coming from the pen of Mr. de Vic Beamish entitled "Smoke," and will be published in early course by A. M. Alexander at 7s. 6d. net. "Smoke" is a series of thrills and shudders, for which a vivid and

DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



For those fans who want harder puzzles, we are today running one without showing the design. The numbers and definitions are given, but it will be necessary to work out the design as you go along. As a clue, the answer to No. 1 Horizontal, starting in the first square, is Pumb.

HORIZONTAL	HORIZONTAL (Cont.)	VERTICAL (Cont.)
1-To ascertain the depth of	38-Hard of hearing	11-Forfeits
5-Large tarts	40-Put or place	13-Fly
11-Reclined	41-A huntsman's horn	15-A beam
12-Like	43-Owing	16-Possessive pronoun
14-City in Michigan	44-Conjunction	18-Courage
16-Measure of weight (abbr.)	45-Coagulate	20-Sally
17-The head (humorous)	47-Exalt	22-Not fresh
19-Elaborate repeat	48-To swallow hurriedly	24-Erect
20-Bag	49-Stalk of a plant	26-Finish
21-Sailors	51-Hurry	28-Unit
22-Part of a needle	52-Direct	31-Chafe
24-To incinerate		32-Feast
25-Frank		33-High wind (pl.)
27-Spirit		34-Sneer
28-Front		35-An animal of tropical America
29-Nothing		37-To invite meaning "middle"
31-Joins firmly		39-Touches
33-Icy (poet.)		41-A tree trunk
35-Dry		42-Dines
36-Light afternoon meal		43-A light single bed
		45-Fifth sign of the zodiac
		48-Bill of sale (abbr.)
		50-Syllable of the scale

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

richly descriptive pen, supported by a keen insight into the life and atmosphere of the Italian underworld, the author succeeds in captivating the reader, who experiences alike both the shadowy delights and the soul-destroying effects of opium.

Longmans, Green have just published, at 21s. net, the reminiscences of Admiral Mark Kerr, under the title of "Land, Sea and Air." The author has visited most countries of the world, and has also met many prominent people. There are numerous stories of incidents with the German Emperor, King Constantine, H.S.H. Prince Louis of Battenberg, and others with whom he was attached or with whom he served. There also chapters on the Great War, Battle of Jutland, the formation of the Air Force, Race Riding, Polo, Sailing and the Stage.

Among the Spring publications of Batsford is a volume on "Spanish Art." It is a review of Painting, Sculpture, Architecture, Textiles, Ceramics, Woodwork, and Metalwork of Spain. The volume is compiled and edited by a number of eminent men who are experts of their subject. Such names as R. R. Tatlock, Sir C. Holmes, B. Rackham, A. F. Kendrick, to name a few, are easily recognisable. "Spanish Art" forms Volume II of the "Burlington Magazine" Monographs, and is illustrated throughout in colour and photographs.

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THE WAY THE WORLD WAGS.

Canon John Wyld has celebrated his 56th year as vicar of St. Saviour's Church, Leeds.

The Earl of Stair has been appointed Lord High Commissioner of the Church of Scotland in succession to the Earl of Elgin.

Trade is improving in Ulster, and the fact that not a single damask weaver is unemployed is attributed to an advertising campaign conducted in America.

Mr. A. J. Cook [already a member of the Presidium, the governing body of the Russian Miners' Soviet] has been elected an honorary member of the Petrograd City Soviet.

Two hours after the death of her grandson, George Miles, aged 18, whom she had nursed, Mrs. Margaret Thomas, aged 66, died from shock at Newport, Monmouthshire.

Following the resignation of their captain after a Parish Council request for a report on the Brigade's work, members of the Toddington, Bedfordshire, Fire Brigade have decided to resign in a body.

Two foxes which jumped up in front of the Whaddon Chase Hounds just after the meet at Greek Horwood, Buckinghamshire, caused the pack to divide and for a time there were thus two separate hunts.

While in a shop in Kilburn, N.W., a commercial traveller found that his saloon car, containing gowns valued at £300, which he had left outside, had disappeared, and later the car was found abandoned in a Somers Town, N.W., garage, but the goods were missing.

A large floating mine in the track of shipping off Plymouth has been sunk by gun fire by a destroyer.

As evidence of the increased industrial activity, the L.N.E.R. announce that 14,775 loaded wagons were forwarded from Middlesbrough in mail week, which number constitutes a record.

Messages from Angora state that an active revolt against the Soviet rule in Russia has broken out, says a Central News (Constantinople) correspondent. Details are lacking, but it is confirmed that the movement is monarchial in origin.

Among the new acquisitions of the British Museum is the skin of a human head stuffed with clay, with a handle in place of the nose, and with the lower jaw of the person to whom it belonged hanging round the neck. It has patches of red paint on it, and comes from Papua.

Lord Kinnoull, described as an automobile engineer of Oakley Street, Chelsea, was charged at Marlborough Street Police Court, London, with wilfully obstructing the highway with a motor car at Denman Street, W., earlier in the day. Defendant, who pleaded guilty and had nothing to say, was fined ten shillings.

There are it is estimated, 300,000,000 acres of arable land in the Dominion of Canada only one-fifth 60,000,000 acres, of which is under cultivation. In the three prairie Provinces, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, and Alberta, there are over 100,000,000 acres of good farming land, so that there is still room for millions more settlers.

A Nice telegram announces that Lord Illingworth, who is ill at Monte Carlo, is stated to be out of danger.

Three silver challenge cups won by the students were taken by burglars from the Girls' County School, Twickenham.

At the funeral of Mrs. Sarah Bignall, aged 85, of Blaenavon, Monmouthshire, her love letters were buried with her.

Two drawings by Blarenberghe, of "Bay Scenes," with shipping and numerous figures, realised £189 at Messrs. Christie's.

St. Dunstan's, so far as the training of blind ex-Service men is concerned, is to be transferred to Brighton at the end of August owing the small number of men who now remain to be trained.

A Duffield correspondent to the "Times" states that a mysterious epidemic in the breeding flocks in the East Riding of Yorkshire is causing serious loss among ewes and lambs. Both pure-bred and commercial flocks are affected. In one instance 50 ewes dropped 70 lambs, and in a few days only eight lambs were living. A fellmonger received in three days 900 dead lambs.

Colonel Sir Pierre van Ryneveld, Director of Air Services, Union Defence Forces, completed a return trip from Pretoria to Cape Town in two non-stop flights, says Reuter. This is the first occasion that the feat has been accomplished. Colonel Sir Pierre van Ryneveld, who had a distinguished career as an Air Force officer during the war, was knighted for his pioneer flight from London to Cape Town in 1920.

LOVELY LINGERIE IN THE BRIDE'S TROUSSEAU.



There will, of course, be many things, both old and new, borrowed and blue, that will take their accustomed places in the bride's trousseau. And among the new things will be found interesting pieces of lingerie that follow new ideas and treatments.

The slender silhouette that persists in dominating the mode necessitates undergarments that have eliminated all bulk.

Fabrics have a lot to do with the selection of underwear. There is a particular fabric best suited to the hour and occasion of the day. For instance, chiffon should never be selected for sports, but should be worn beneath the filmy evening gown. Tailored silks are worn for sports, and so it goes. Of course, crepe de chine is universally worn for all occasions, but here trimmings and cut mark the difference. Glove silks, too, are seen in various types, both tailored and lace trimmed.

Scantiness is an essential part of the new undergarments. Vests while worn to some degree, have become unessential. Most underwear for daytime and evening consists of step-ins or bloomers with some form of waistband. The elastic about the waist has been eliminated and the fitted yoke or waistline substituted. There are several models of brassieres. These vary from the bandeau type, suited to youthful slenderness to the more binding types that produce a slenderizing lines in the over-plump. Almost all brassieres, however, limit themselves to next to nothing in the back. Some even eliminate fastenings and where no fastenings are found a piece of elastic is substituted and the brassiere is slipped on over the head. Glove silks, brocades, crepe de chine and laces are the favoured materials used.

The envelope chemise and combination are worn extremely short this year. Lace or contrasted fabrics appear at tops and bottoms of these and create interesting effects. Embroidery and applique also are found, adding an appealing decoration.

Petticoats are, of course, obsolete. The slip which replaces it, however, is an extremely important part of the feminine undergarments. It is either filmy for dress occasions, or is simple and tailored in lustrous silks for sports and daytime. Colours vary in the slips and all shades appear to harmonise with the frock. As a matter of fact, the slip is often a foundation for the frock itself.

There is a new vogue for patterned chiffrons and silks in undergarments. These are very smart in their simple outlines. Black and white—spring's favourite combination—appears to advantage in many pieces of underwear. Other filmy pieces choose the shade of the frock exactly.

Nightgowns, despite the appeal of the pyjama mode, have retained a strong hold upon feminine affections. They are extremely beautiful in pale satins with floating ribbons and panels. Scallop, fringes, appliques, laces and embroidery all appear in charming designs. Floral decorations also serve in making the nightgown beautiful. Soft batistes featuring exquisite embroidery are also much used in nightgowns.

Pyjamas lend a varied appeal. They are in one, two or many colours. Black and white, black and yellow, black and blue are favoured in many models that wish to deviate from pastel paths. In the more colourful pyjamas a tailored influence is noted while in the pale tints feminine trimmings play an important part. Here laces, fringes and floral additions as well as ruffles are seen with smart results.

The negligee gives evidences of pleasing the individual tastes. Either flowing models, or pyjama effects are seen in gorgeous fabrics and colours.

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PIRACY GRILLES.

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numbers of passengers as the steamer passengers' fares had not been collected. There were six saloon passengers, 11 or 12 Chinese cabin passengers, over thirty second class passengers and about 80 in the steerage.

Lo Tai, pilot of the "Leung Kwong," recalled, and questioned as to how he navigated the pass said that he always observed the "rule of the road" and kept fairly in the centre but more to the side of the lighthouse.

Mr. Sheldon asked for the coxswain of the "Moonshine" to be recalled and counsel asked him

COURT'S FINDING.

The "Moonshine" Fully Exonerated.

The Court found that the "Moonshine" was navigated in a proper manner, and no blame was attached to her coxswain.

If he heard two blasts from the "Leung Kwong" on separate occasions. Witness denied that more than one had been sounded by the "Leung Kwong."

Mr. Sheldon then addressed the Court, his evidence for the "Leung Kwong" having been completed. Counsel said that the real conflict was as to whether, at the time the "Leung Kwong" entered the South part of the Channel, the "Moonshine" was in fact on the North Bank of the Channel.

Alteration of Course.

Counsel submitted that if the evidence of the coxswain of the "Moonshine" was right that he was steering for point 25, which was straight ahead, he must inevitably have been on the North side and not on the South, as he had claimed to be. It was the alteration by the "Moonshine" of her course to starboard, when within 250 feet of the "Leung Kwong," that had made the collision inevitable, said counsel.

Counsel also commented on the evidence of the coxswain of the "Moonshine" that he had never heard of the stone pier at Ma Wan Bay, an "impossible" story, said counsel, having regard to the fact that it was clearly marked on the chart and that the coxswain had stated he had been through the pass from thirty to forty times. Counsel suggested that it was because the coxswain did not want it to be known that he was in the Bay prior to the accident that he had given this evidence.

Mr. Bennett then addressed the Court and compared the evidence by the witnesses from the two ships. It was significant that the "Leung Kwong" witnesses had given no evidence at all as to the "Moonshine's" movements from the time that they alleged she was in the Bay whereas the "Moonshine" witnesses had given a detailed story of the movements of both ships at all vital times.

Mr. Bennett suggested that the "Leung Kwong's" story as to two separate and distinct sets of two blasts which were alleged to have been signalled by them were brought into their story in order that they might have some excuse for their movement in going to the wrong side of the channel. The witnesses from the "On Lee" and the "Kwong Fook Cheong" only referred to one set of two blasts. Referring to the tides, Mr. Bennett said that the story of the pilot of the "Leung Kwong" was at variance with the local record of tides.

The Court then adjourned until 2.15 p.m. to consider their verdict.

Earlier Evidence.
The pilot of the "Leung Kwong" gave evidence yesterday afternoon, stating that he first saw the "Moonshine" when the "Leung Kwong" had reached the Western end of the channel on her way from Hong Kong. The "Moonshine" was close to the stone pier and witness imagined that the "Moonshine" was there for the purpose of picking up passengers from the nearby village.

On sighting the launch, witness sounded two blasts which in his rendering was that it indicated that both vessels should pass

each other on their own starboard sides. The "Moonshine" did not reply and the Chief Officer ordered a further sounding of two blasts. About one minute later the "Moonshine" replied, with two blasts. The ship's head during the interval of the blasts, was about South-west.

The Master of the "Leung Kwong" having left the bridge shortly after the sounding of the first two blasts, the Chief Officer, after the "Moonshine" had replied to the two second blasts, ordered full speed astern, but as the telegraph hand was grasped, the collision occurred, the red light of the "Moonshine" having been observed only at that moment.

Under cross-examination, witness said that at no time had he seen the "Moonshine's" port light. Up to the time of the "Leung Kwong's" alteration to the Western bank, the "Moonshine" had remained in the bay, said witness, who admitted that the "Leung Kwong" had sunk on the identical spot of the collision and that there had been practically no interval between the stopping of engines and the sounding of the second two blasts, and the collision.

Capt. Wilson's Evidence.
Capt. J. R. Wilson, of the "Leung Kwong" was called and stated that he left the bridge, leaving the Chief Officer in charge, when the vessel was clear of the fairway and some three miles off the Capsicum light. Called from his cabin by the

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sounding of two siren blasts, he reached the bridge in time to see both side lights of the "Moonshine" about 10 feet off. Almost simultaneously, the collision occurred. He knew nothing of what happened subsequently, as a falling spar had struck him, rendering him incapable.

Evidence was also given by Captain Johnson, of the "Kwong Fook Cheong" and Chief Officer J. Reynolds, of the same vessel as to rescue work, the former stating with regard to the lights carried by a steam launch which was on the scene at the time (presumably the "Moonshine") that she was carrying two mast head lights when they first saw her standing by but that she left the scene without lights within a few minutes of the "Kwong Fook Cheong's" arrival. The Chief Officer of the "Kwong Fook Cheong" also stated that he saw no lights on the "Moonshine."

The coxswain of the "Moonshine" recalled stated that he carried usual side lights and stern lights and one masthead light, all of which were oil burning. They were burning at full visibility during the whole time, prior to, during and after the collision.

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EVIDENCE OF SECOND DEFENDANT.

WERE THEY OF AGE?

Evidence was given by the second defendant at the resumed hearing this morning of the case in which two Chinese plaintiffs, Loo Kwong-hin and Loo Kwong-lam, claim for the annulment of a mortgage on the grounds that they were "infants" at the time of its execution.

Kan Tong-po, the defendant in question, said that he entrusted the whole of the matter to Mr. Hooper, of Messrs. Johnson, Stokes and Master, and placed money in his hands for the purpose of paying it over when everything was in order.

Witness deposed to conversations which had taken place between the parties at an interview in Mr. Davidson's office on February 10, 1925 and said that Li Koon-chun, asked Leung Wing-chung, an interpreter, whether the five brothers were of age and Leung replied in the affirmative. Li Koon-chun then pointed to Loo Kwong-lam, the first plaintiff, and asked the same question, receiving an answer in the affirmative.

Witness denied, in answer to cross-examination, that this conversation had taken place in a whisper. All of the parties concerned must have heard it.

Witness, asked by Mr. Potter (for the plaintiffs) as to why this plaintiff should falsely have represented answer and counsel, left the point, his age on this occasion, did not commenting that it was a matter of argument.

SEDITION IN A BOOK.

The two Kingchow Chinese who were last Thursday remanded by Mr. R. E. Lindsell on charges of unlawful possession of seditious literature were again before the Court this morning.

Hou Tang-fung who was arrested as he landed from the s.s. "Paul Beau" was dealt with first, he having pleaded "guilty" at the previous hearing.

After reading the translation made at the Secretariat for Chinese Affairs, Mr. Lindsell said: "This book contains articles which are practically anti-British."

Accused: That book is not mine. A friend put it in my box.

Magistrate: That is not what you said last week. You admitted possession, then.

Accused: All my books bear my name.

Magistrate: I don't care if it is yours or not. It was found in your possession—\$250 or three months.

With regard to Chan Kai-fung who arrived here on the s.s. "Fatsan," and who had pleaded "not guilty" when originally charged, Mr. Lindsell said: "The S.C.A. suggest that the case against you be withdrawn. There is nothing of a seditious nature in the books at all. You are discharged."

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